



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, is greeted by U.S. President Barack Obama after he delivered remarks during the COP21, United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Le Bourget, outside Paris, on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

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## World Leaders Vow To Save Earth From Overheating

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**LE BOURGET, France (AP)** — With dramatic vows to save future generations from an overheated planet, the largest gathering ever of world leaders began two weeks of talks Monday aimed at producing the most far-reaching pact yet to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and avert environmental havoc. "We should ask what will we

say to our grandchildren if we fail," British Prime Minister David Cameron said as the U.N. climate summit opened under heavy security on the outskirts of Paris, two weeks after the extremist attacks that left 130 people dead. "Instead of making excuses tomorrow, let's take action today." Even before the gathering, more than 180 countries pledged to cut or curb their emissions, but scientific analyses show that much

bigger reductions would be needed to limit man-made warming of the Earth to 2 degrees Centigrade (3.8 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times, the internationally agreed-upon goal. The biggest issue facing the 151 heads of state and government at the summit is who should bear most of the burden of closing that gap: wealthy Western nations that have polluted the most historically, or devel-

oping countries like China and India that are now the biggest and third-biggest emitters of greenhouse gases? "Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards," Chinese leader Xi Jinping told the conference. The last major climate agreement, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, required only rich

countries to cut emissions, and the U.S. never signed on. Since then, global temperatures and sea levels have continued to rise, and the Earth has seen an extraordinary run of extreme weather, including severe droughts and storms. This new round of talks seeks to produce an agreement that would require all countries, rich and poor, to take action.

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# World leaders vow to save Earth from overheating

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While the specifics have yet to be worked out, the pact is meant to chart a path toward reduced reliance on coal, oil and gas and expanded use of renewable energy such as wind and solar power. The negotiations will focus on whether emissions targets should be binding

clearly reflect that industrialized nations bear the biggest responsibility for the problem.

President Barack Obama offered assurances that the U.S. isn't trying to shirk its duty.

"I've come here personally, as the leader of the world's largest economy and the second-largest emitter, to say that the United States of America not

sions — twice as much as the United States. Beijing has pledged to put a ceiling on its emissions around 2030 as part of the latest negotiations.

Developing countries say they need financial support and technology to make the transition to cleaner energy. On the bustling first day of the conference, a number of such initiatives were announced, includ-



President Barack Obama, left, sits with French President Francois Hollande, right, as they have dinner at the Ambroisie restaurant in Paris, France, with Secretary of State John Kerry, 2nd right, French Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal, 3rd right, and French Foreign Minister, Laurent Fabius, 3rd left, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. Obama is in France for a two-day visit as part of the COP21, the United Nations Climate Change conference. Other officials are: Translator, Thomas Ronkin, 2nd left, Charles Kupchan, top left, and French President Hollande's Military Chief of Staff General Benoit Puga, top right.

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or voluntary and how to verify that countries are hitting their targets. Another big issue will be how to provide the finance and technology that developing countries will need to reduce their emissions and cope with the effects of rising seas, intensifying heat waves and floods.

"The future of the people of the world, the future of our planet, is in your hands," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told negotiators in his opening remarks. "We cannot afford indecision, half measures or merely gradual approaches. Our goal must be a transformation."

China and India say they want the agreement to

only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it," Obama told the conference.

Statistics since 1959 from the U.S. Department of Energy show the United States has been by far the biggest emitter of carbon dioxide, the top man-made greenhouse gas. It has released about 258 trillion tons of carbon dioxide over the past half-century, compared with China's 158 trillion tons, the figures show. China is catching up, though, and is now the world's biggest greenhouse gas polluter, accounting for 28 percent of the world's current emis-

ing one backed by 19 governments and 28 leading global investors, including Bill Gates and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.

Their initiative would provide billions of dollars in investments to research and develop clean energy technology, with the ultimate goal of making it cheaper and more reliable. Many of the leaders said the world must keep the average temperature within 1 degree C (1.8 degrees F) of current levels — and, if possible, to half that, to spare island nations threatened by rising seas. The world has already warmed nearly 1 degree Celsius since the beginning of the industrial age. □

## Top carbon culprits US, China, India debate nuances of roles

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**LE BOURGET, France (AP)** — Call them the culprits of carbon.

Leaders of the United States, China and India — the world's top three carbon polluters — engaged in some private diplomacy Monday on the sidelines of the international climate change conference. And while each spoke of a shared interest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, members of the trio differed in nuance. Each has to attend to his own interests. A look at the geopolitics of climate change, as practiced by President Barack Obama, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi:

### WHO'S NO. 1?

China gets the distinction of top billing among carbon polluters, having overtaken the U.S. as its economy has rapidly expanded. It accounts for about 28 percent of global emissions. The U.S. is second at 14 percent. India places third, at 7 percent. Those 2013 numbers are the latest figures from the U.S. Energy Department's Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center. New figures come out next week.

### OBAMA'S "RESPONSIBILITY"

The president said the U.S. "not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it." His administration has pledged to reduce U.S. emissions to 26 percent to 28 percent below 2005 levels within 10 years — if the Republican-controlled Congress or the courts don't block him or his successors reverse him.

But Obama also wants developing nations to share responsibility for fixing it by limiting their future greenhouse gas emissions. He said they need to "skip the dirty phase of development" and go straight to cleaner technologies. And that could be costly. There's a long-running dispute over whether developing nations should share the same burden as industrialized nations, and neither Xi nor Modi fully embraced Obama's all-in-it-together message. Obama did acknowledge "you cannot forge a climate agreement without taking into consideration the level of development."

### XI'S "RESPECT"

China has had a change in mindset since being accused of obstructing climate talks in Copenhagen six years ago. It has invested in solar, wind and hydro power and promised to cut carbon emissions per unit of economic output by 65 percent. Xi also has pledged \$3.1 billion to help developing countries combat climate change. But the Chinese president stressed Monday that the eventual climate deal must include aid for poor countries and respect differences between developing and established nations. He said the deal should accommodate national interests. "Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards," he said.

### MODI'S "BALANCE"

With at least 300 million people lacking access to electricity, India faces a particular challenge in restraining future greenhouse gas emissions as its economy grows and brings prosperity to those millions. It has promised to reduce its emissions intensity by 33 percent to 35 percent by 2030 from 2005 levels. Emissions would continue to grow under the plan, as its economy grows. But the increase relative to economic output would be lower than otherwise. Modi called Obama his friend and pledged to work shoulder-to-shoulder with the U.S. on new technology initiatives. But he's also sounding a not-our-fault message. □



## Obama says climate pact 'act of defiance' after attacks in Paris

**NANCY BENAC**  
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**LE BOURGET, France (AP)**

— Pushing for a powerful climate deal, President Barack Obama called the global talks opening Monday outside Paris an “act of defiance” against terrorism that proves the world stands undeterred by Islamic State-linked attacks in Europe and beyond. Obama used his speech to more than 150 world leaders to salute Paris and its people for “insisting this crucial conference go on” just two weeks after attacks that killed 130 in the French capital. He said leaders had converged to show resolve to fight terrorism and uphold their values at the same time.

“What greater rejection of those who would tear down our world than marshaling our best efforts to save it,” Obama said.

Obama's remarks came at the start of two weeks of make-or-break negotiations to finalize a sweeping global agreement to cut carbon emissions and hopefully stave off the worst effects of climate change. Obama exhorted leaders here to fight the enemy of cynicism — “the notion we can't do anything” about the warming of the planet. After sketching dire threats of submerged nations, abandoned cities and ever-worsening flooding and natural disasters, Obama insisted that grim future “is one that we have the power to change.” He urged leaders to “rise to this moment,” invoking the late Martin Luther King Jr.'s observation that there's such a thing as being too late to a cause.

“That hour is almost upon us,” Obama said.

Efforts to secure a climate deal have been hampered by a long-running dispute about whether developing nations share the same burden as industrialized nations that have historically polluted much more. The U.S. and other nations have insisted that all countries chip in under the new agreement. □

## On the sidelines in Paris:

# Putin, Obama discuss Syria political settlement

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**Associated Press**

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that he and President Barack Obama have a shared understanding on how to move toward a political settlement in Syria, but added that incidents like the recent downing of a Russian warplane by a Turkish fighter jet stymie broader cooperation against extremism.

Putin and Obama had a half-hour meeting on the sidelines of a climate summit near Paris, and the Russian leader told reporters they discussed efforts to compile a list of extremist groups and another one of members of legitimate political opposition.

Put said “we have an understanding how we should proceed if we talk about a political settlement. We need to work on a new (Syrian) constitution, new elections and the control over their outcome.”

At the same time, he said, disputes such as last Tuesday's shutdown of a Russian warplane imperil cooperation on defeating extremists and resolving Syria's turmoil.

Turkey said it downed the plane after it intruded its airspace for 17 seconds despite repeated warnings, while Russia insisted that the plane had remained in Syria's airspace and denounced Ankara's move as a “treacherous stab in the back.”

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has expressed regret over the incident, but Putin has made it clear that Russia wants a



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and U.S. President Barack Obama, rear, attend the COP21 UN Conference on Climate Change in Paris, France, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

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formal apology, something Turkey has refused to do.

Russia on Monday imposed sanctions including a ban on Turkish food exports..

Putin said he was “very sorry” to see the break-down of the long-cultivated ties with Turkey, but added that problems in bilateral ties have started building up long ago as Turkey has refused to hand over Russian suspects accused of terrorism.

He also accused Turkey of downing of the Russian warplane in order to protect what he described as massive illegal imports of the IS-produced oil, saying that Ankara's claim that it was worried about Russian blows on the territory populated by a Turkish ethnic group in Syria was “just a pretext.” “We have every

reason to believe that a decision to shoot down our plane was prompted by a desire to ensure security of that oil to the territory of Turkey and on to sea ports for loading into tankers,” he said, Putin had presented fellow leaders at the Group of 20 summit hosted by Turkey in Antalya earlier this month with aerial pictures of what he described as convoys of oil trucks carrying oil from IS-controlled oilfields in Syria to the Turkish territory.

While Erdogan has denied the Russian accusations, Putin insisted that the illegal oil trade has acquired a massive scale.

“We have received additional information confirming that oil from IS-controlled deposits flows into Turkey on an industrial

scale,” he said.

“Our pilots write on their bombs: “For ours!” and “For Paris!” Putin said. “And the Turkish air force shoot down our bomber! What kind of broad coalition we can talk about then?”

Still, he added that Russia would continue its efforts to help form a wider coalition against terror.

“We will strive for helping form a working broad coalition and regional and financial interests fall behind a global terror threat,” he said, adding that it's impossible to unite global efforts against the IS as long as “some use terrorist organizations to achieve momentary political goals and fail to observe the U.N. Security Council resolutions banning the sales of illegally produced oil.” □

## US warns of 'imminent' attack in Afghan capital

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— The U.S. Embassy said Monday it has received “credible reports of an imminent attack” in the Afghan capital.

A statement on the embassy's website urged U.S. citizens to exercise “extreme caution” if moving around in Kabul during the next 48 hours. The state-

ment said the embassy has no further information about the targets, timing or nature of the planned attack.

The Taliban often carry out attacks in Kabul and elsewhere, mainly targeting Afghan security forces and foreigners. Supporters of the Islamic State group have a growing presence

in Afghanistan.

The U.S. State Department has long warned against travel to Afghanistan, which has been mired in war for decades.

In Washington, department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau told reporters that the U.S. Embassy received the reports of a specific and credible

imminent threat, but it wasn't against the embassy, U.S. citizens or U.S. interests.

She would not elaborate on the nature of the threat or who was behind it, but said “it was sufficient enough that we did feel that an email and a message should go out to U.S. citizens in Kabul.” □



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## US House may move quickly to overhaul visa waiver program



House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Calif., left, and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise of La., stride from the House chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington.

**ERICA WERNER**

**AP Congressional Correspondent**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Congress may move quickly to overhaul a program that allows travel to the U.S. with no visa, something that has

come under criticism following the Paris terror attacks.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy told reporters Monday that he was looking at action before the end of the year. Without

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

legislation "I think the country will be less safe," the California Republican said. At the same time, the White House announced a series of changes aimed at improving the program, including more terrorism in-

formation sharing with other countries.

The so-called visa waiver program lets people from 38 countries visit the U.S. for 90-day stays without obtaining a visa. It has come under scrutiny following the Paris terror attacks since several of the suspected perpetrators were from Belgium and France, which are countries on the list.

McCarthy outlined five changes House Republicans would like to see to the program. They include requiring all countries to issue electronic passports; ensuring that all passengers are screened against a database of lost and stolen passports; and kicking countries out of the visa waiver program if they aren't abiding by requirements.

Changing the visa waiver program appears to have bipartisan support in the House and the Senate and general agreement from the White House. Many lawmakers note that the large scope of the program

— it admits some 20 million visitors to the U.S. each year — makes it a potential security concern.

By contrast, the number of Syrian refugees entering the U.S. is much smaller, numbering fewer than 2,500. The House voted earlier this month to crack down on the refugee program, over objections from the White House.

The visa legislation or the Syria refugee legislation could be added to a must-pass year-end spending bill. Sens. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, D-California, and Jeff Flake, a Republican., are working on a visa waiver bill they hope to introduce in the Senate this week. It would bar anyone who traveled to Syria or Iraq in the last five years from coming to the U.S. under the visa waiver program. However, the travel industry is concerned about an approach suggested by Feinstein that would require additional biometric information from travelers before they arrive in the U.S. □

## Donald Trump meets with black pastors at 'amazing meeting'

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Donald Trump met with a group of black pastors for several hours Monday, calling the session an "amazing meeting" that went longer than planned because "we came up with lots of good ideas."

But there was no wide-ranging endorsement from the group, some of whom had said they were surprised when the gathering

was advertised as such by Trump's Republican presidential campaign.

Trump has been courting the support of evangelical black clergy members as he works to broaden his appeal in a crowded Republican field. Darrell Scott, the senior pastor of New Spirit Revival Center in Ohio, said more than 100 preachers from across the country attended the meeting, despite criticism in an open letter in Ebony magazine

from more than 100 black religious leaders.

In the letter, the group wrote that "Trump's racially inaccurate, insensitive and incendiary rhetoric should give those charged with the care of the spirits and souls of black people great pause." They also expressed concern that the meeting Monday would "give Trump the appearance of legitimacy among those who follow your leadership and respect your po-

sition as clergy." Earlier this month, a black protester was roughed up by Trump supporters at a rally in Birmingham, Alabama. Trump said after the incident, "Maybe he should have been roughed up because it was absolutely disgusting what he was doing."

Trump also drew criticism recently for retweeting an image of inaccurate statistics that vastly over-represented the number of whites killed by blacks,

among other errors. Trump said after Monday's meeting that he would not change his tone as a candidate, which he said had taken him to "first position" in preference polls.

"The beautiful thing about the meeting is that they didn't really ask me to change the tone," Trump said. "I think they really want to see victory, because ultimately it is about, we want to win and we want to win together." □





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## Bond set at \$1.5M for Chicago officer who fatally shot teen

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Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A judge on Monday set bond at \$1.5 million for a white Chicago police officer charged with murder after a squad car video showed him fatally shooting a black teenager 16 times, and the officer's lawyer said he was hopeful his client could be released in the "very near future."

Officer Jason Van Dyke has been locked up since Nov. 24, when prosecutors charged him with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. On the same day, authorities released the dash cam video that shows McDonald — armed with a small knife and walking down a street on the city's southwest side — being shot repeatedly by the 37-year-old Van Dyke.

The bond amount means Van Dyke will need \$150,000 to be released. Attorney Dan Herbert said the officer is pleased the judge set a bond amount after ordering him held

last week without bond. He said Van Dyke is "very scared about the consequences he is facing."

Also on Monday, an online threat against the University of Chicago that led the school to cancel all classes and activities appeared to have been motivated by the fatal shooting, federal authorities said.

Jabari R. Dean, 21, of Chicago, threatened to kill 16 white male students or staff at the school on Chicago's South Side, according to the criminal complaint. Dean was arrested Monday morning and is charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce.

The threat was posted Saturday, just days after the city released a video of Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times. The video sparked days of protests in Chicago, including one that blocked off part of Michigan Avenue in the downtown shopping district known as the Magnificent Mile on Black Friday. A separate judge had ordered the video released



Protesters barge into restaurants in the Intercontinental Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago as community activists and labor leaders hold a demonstration billed as a "march for justice" in the wake of the release of video showing an officer fatally shooting Laquan McDonald. A judge on Monday set bond at \$1.5 million for the officer. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

the previous week. On Tuesday, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said she had decided a few weeks earlier to charge Van Dyke with murder and was planning to announce charges in a month. But knowing the intense public anger that the sight of the "chilling" video would generate, she

announced the charges before the video's release in an effort to encourage calm.

Herbert last week reassured the judge that Van Dyke is not a flight risk, explaining that he has deep ties to the community, lives with his wife and two children in Chicago and does not possess a passport.

In the audio-free video, McDonald can be seen walking down the middle of a four-lane street. He appears to veer away from two officers as they emerge from a vehicle, drawing their guns. One of the officers, Van Dyke, opens fire from close range. McDonald spins around and crumples to the ground. □

## Jury selection begins for officer charged in Gray's death

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**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Jury selection for the first police officer to go to trial in Freddie Gray's death began Monday with a judge questioning potential jurors about their knowledge of the explosive case, which led to widespread protests and rioting and added fuel to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Baltimore Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams conducted initial questioning in a courtroom but planned to interview 66 prospective

jurors in a private conference room — an indication of how difficult the selection process could be for the high-profile trial.

William Porter is one of six officers charged in the death of Gray, a 25-year-old black man who died of a severe spinal injury he suffered while in police custody.

Porter, who is also black, is accused of failing to get medical help for Gray during several stops made by the police van that carried Gray on a 45-minute trip. At the end, officers found

Gray unresponsive. He was taken to a hospital and died a week later, on April 19.

The officer is being tried first in part because prosecutors want to use him as a witness in the trials of several other officers. He is charged with manslaughter, assault, misconduct in office and reckless endangerment.

The judge asked 75 potential jurors on Monday whether anyone had not heard about the case, the citywide curfew imposed after Gray's death or the

settlement paid to his family. No one responded.

Twelve jurors said they had family members in law enforcement. Thirty-seven said they had been a victim or a suspect in a crime, had been to jail or had charges pending against them.

Twenty-six people said they had strong feelings about the charges against Porter. Williams read aloud more than 200 names of possible witnesses that included more than 100 Baltimore police officers, lawyers and prosecutors.

A small group of protesters gathered outside the courtroom. Their chants of "All night, all day, we will fight for Freddie Gray," could be heard throughout the proceedings.

A verdict is likely to set the tone for the city. If Porter is acquitted, there could be protests and possibly more unrest. A conviction could send shockwaves through the city's troubled police department.

"Everything is at stake. The future of the city is at stake," Police Commissioner Kevin Davis has said. □



## Officials charge 4 in Minneapolis protester shooting



Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman announced the charges against the four defendants in the shooting of five people near the Minneapolis Police Department's 4th Precinct on Nov. 23, during a press conference at the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis, Minn., Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. (Elizabeth Flores/Star Tribune via AP)

**AMY FORLITI**  
**STEVE KARNOWSKI**  
**Associated Press**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Four men were charged Monday in last week's shooting of demonstrators protesting the killing of a black man by Minneapolis police, while the city's mayor separately asked the protesters to end their weeks-

long encampment at a police precinct. Protesters have been at the 4th Precinct since Jan. 15 during what authorities said was a struggle with police. Clark died the next day. Some who said they saw the shooting allege he was handcuffed, which police dispute. State

and federal investigations are underway. Protesters have erected about two dozen tents and canopy shelters at the police station, and they have barricaded the street with lumber and pallets. During a snowy Monday morning, about seven campfires were burning to warm those who were milling

about. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges said Monday the encampment has become unsafe. But protesters have vowed to stay at the precinct despite the cold weather and last week's shooting that left five black men with injuries that weren't life-threatening. One of the injured men, Wesley Martin, said protesters would stand their ground. "They can have the street. We can take the sidewalk," Martin said. "To be honest, we're not going nowhere." Allen Lawrence Scarsella, 23, was charged Monday with five counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of riot in last week's shooting. Three other men — Nathan Wayne Gustavsson, 21, Daniel Thomas Macey, 26, and Joseph Martin Backman, 27 — were also charged with riot. County Attorney Mike Freeman said he filed the toughest charges possible in what he called a racially motivated attack, saying the felonies carry tougher potential sentences than any kind of hate crime-related charge. □

## Court papers say witness IDs man in parade shooting

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**Associated Press**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — A witness's statement and photo identification led to the arrest of a man accused in a playground shootout that wounded 17 people, court papers show. Joseph "Moe" Allen, 32, faces 17 counts of attempted murder in the Nov. 22 gunfight at Bunny Friend Playground after a neighborhood parade. He's being held in lieu of \$1.7 million bond on those charges, and without bond on a Texas warrant accusing him of violating probation. Defense attorney Kevin Boshea did not immediately return a call and email Monday. Allen's mother, Deborah Allen, told NOLA.com 'The Times-Picayune (<http://bit.ly/21p5wfj>) Sunday night that her son was in Texas the night of the gunfight. Calls to her home on Monday got repeated busy signals. Police are still trying to identify other people involved in the shooting. Allen's arrest was based on a witness who gave the "name and nickname of one of the many shooters ... in this mass shooting," and then identified Allen in a "six-pack photographic lineup" at the local police station, New Orleans police Detective Chad Cockerham said in a sworn statement. Allen "was observed walking into Bunny Friend Playground and firing a semi-automatic handgun into the crowd," Cockerham said. Cockerham described hearing a "barage of gunfire erupt" at Bunny Friend Playground as police headed there to break up an "unauthorized party." □

## Flight attendant charged with attacking crew, marshals

**TOM FOREMAN Jr.**  
**Associated Press**

An American Airlines flight attendant who described herself as "crazy" and a "train wreck" attacked fellow crew members and U.S. marshals during a flight from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Frankfurt, Germany, last week, according to documents filed in federal court. The complaint, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Charlotte, says Joanne Snow is charged with interference with flight

crews and attendants, and with assaulting, resisting or impeding an officer or employee of the United States. Snow was scheduled to appear in court Monday, but the appearance was canceled. American Airlines spokeswoman Katie Cody said the airline is cooperating with federal law enforcement in an investigation and is working directly with employees. Asked about Snow's status with the airline, she declined to comment.


In an affidavit, federal air marshal Joseph Fialka says Snow's fellow flight attendants told him she was acting erratically. He said they had requested that she not work the flight, but American Airlines management didn't remove her. "Before we even departed Charlotte, Snow made several unsolicited comments to me that she was 'crazy' and a 'train wreck,'" Fialka said. "I have worked around Snow several times prior to this. Her behavior

on Nov. 23 and 24, 2015, was exceptionally unusual." Fialka said that while Flight 704 was en route, one flight attendant told him that Snow slapped her in the face while they were in the aircraft's middle galley. Around 45 minutes later, he said Snow shoved him several times on his shoulder and arm as he was seated. She then went to the back of the plane, where Fialka said she grabbed the collar of another air marshal. □

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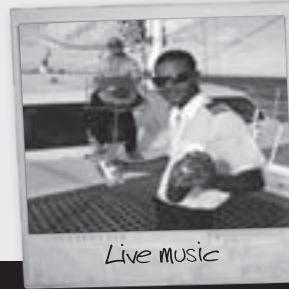


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### US Financial Front:

## Giving and getting grief: For the rich, increasingly common

**MICHAEL HILL**  
Associated Press

To give is to gain a heap of grief if you're a mega-rich donor these days.

In recent months, a hedge fund billionaire was denounced for his \$400 million gift to the already wealthy Harvard University, David Geffen took flak for gifts that plaster his name on a Manhattan concert hall and a Los Angeles school, and the wife of a Wall Street banker was roasted for trying to put her name on a small Adirondacks college. Even Bill Gates, who has given billions to battle diseases, is taking lumps in a new book titled "No Such Thing as a Free Gift."

Scorn for the rich and powerful dates at least to the Gilded Age heyday of Rockefeller and Carnegie, but experts who track philanthropy say the spate of indignation this year is not surprising when even academics and presidential candidates rail against the privileges of the so-called 1 percent.

"We've always had this very mixed attitude toward very wealthy people giving their money away," said Leslie Lenkowsky, an Indiana University professor who studies philanthropy. "It's a long, drawn-out controversy. Our concerns about equality and inequality are bringing it back to the surface today."

Critiques vary, but they tend to revolve around allegations of vanity for seeking credit, futility for giving to less-deserving beneficiaries or simply acting like an arrogant rich person.

Media mogul Geffen, a prolific philanthropist for the arts, AIDS and other



Music and movie mogul David Geffen speaks during the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in New York. To give is to gain a heap of grief if you're a mega-rich donor these days. In recent months, a hedge fund billionaire was denounced for his \$400 million gift to the already wealthy Harvard University, Geffen took flak for gifts that plaster his name on a Manhattan concert hall and a Los Angeles school, and the wife of a Wall Street banker was roasted for trying to put her name on a small Adirondacks college.

(AP Photo/Jason DeCrow)

causes, has been accused of a bit of each after two recent gifts, including \$100 million this month to create the Geffen Academy at UCLA to serve the children of faculty, among others. The gift — aimed in part at attracting top talent to the college and its medical school, which is named for Geffen — has generated critical headlines like this one in L.A. Weekly: "Let's

All Watch David Geffen Light His Money on Fire." Placing a rich person's name on a building in return for a big donation is an established practice in the philanthropy playbook that can be a way to honor a loved one or encourage other donations. While mocked recently as "Philanthro-me" and "Economics" by social commentators, money-

for-naming transactions can be mutually beneficial. Benefactors get their name in history books — or at least on Google Maps — and recipients get cash infusions for pressing projects.

For instance, New York's Lincoln Center received \$100 million toward massive renovations for Avery Fisher Hall from Geffen in a deal that renamed the venue to David Geffen Hall this month. But that happened only after Lincoln Center paid \$15 million to the family of Fisher, a philanthropist who died in 1994, to clear the way to the renaming.

Geffen's gift was lauded as transformative by Lincoln Center administrators and elsewhere criticized as self-aggrandizing. But the reaction was muted compared with the buzz saw started this summer by Joan Weill, the wife of billionaire former Citigroup CEO Sanford Weill.

She offered \$20 million to Paul Smith's College in New York's Adirondacks — but only if the small college changed its name to Joan

Weill-Paul Smith's College. Outraged alumni cried foul. The deal was likened to bribery and a betrayal of the college's history.

A court eventually ruled that the bequest that established the college barred the name change. Weill chose not to give the \$20 million.

Alumni took to Facebook to excoriate the proposal, underscoring the role social media can play in amplifying controversies. Best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell started one such debate this summer after hedge-fund billionaire John Paulson gave \$400 million to Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences by tweeting: "It came down to helping the poor or giving the world's richest university \$400 mil it doesn't need. Wise choice John!"

Paulson's defenders argue the donation will fund beneficial innovations and, besides, it's his money.

Sharp critiques of the "1 percent" have been commonplace since the first Occupy Wall Street protest four years ago. □

## American pending home sales edge up in October



This photo shows a home for sale in Coral Gables, Fla. The National Association of Realtors released, on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, its October report on pending home sales, which are seen as a barometer of future purchases.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

**JOSH BOAK**  
AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) —

Slightly more Americans signed contracts to buy homes in October, in a modest rebound that suggests the real estate market has crested.

The National Association of Realtors says its seasonally adjusted pending home sales index rose 0.2 percent to 107.7 last month. The index has increased 3.9 percent over the past 12 months.

Healthy job gains and low

mortgage rates boosted sales for much of the year, but rising home values and limited inventories have limited further growth in the closing months of 2015.

The number of signed contracts advanced in the Northeast and West, while dipping in the Midwest and South.

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## Turkey won't apologize to Russia over warplane downing



**Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, left, and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg address a media conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg met with the Turkish prime minister on Monday to discuss the issue of a Russian warplane downed by a Turkish fighter jet at the border with Syria.**

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

**JAMEY KEATEN**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Turkey won't apologize to Russia for shooting down a warplane operating over Syria, the Turkish prime minister

said Monday, stressing that the military was doing its job defending the country's airspace.

Ahmet Davutoglu also said Turkey hopes Moscow will reconsider econom-

ic sanctions announced against Turkish interests following last week's incident. The Turkish resort town of Antalya is "like a second home" to many Russian holidaymakers, he said,

but refused to yield on Turkish security. "No Turkish prime minister or president will apologize ... because of doing our duty," Davutoglu told reporters after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in Brussels. "Protection of Turkish airspace, Turkish borders is a national duty, and our army did their job to protect this airspace. But if the Russian side wants to talk, and wants to prevent any future unintentional events like this, we are ready to talk." Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian warplane on Nov. 24, sparking Cold War-style tensions between Russia and NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the Russian pilots was killed, while a second was rescued.

On Monday, the body of Lt. Col. Oleg Peshkov, the Russian pilot, was flown back to Russia following a military ceremony in the Turkish capital, Ankara, Turkey's military said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, at the international climate talks in Paris, on Monday said "we have every reason to believe" that the plane was shot down to protect what he described as Turkish profiteering from illegal imports of oil produced by Islamic State rebels in Syria.

The Russian air force said Monday that its Su-34 fighter bombers in Syria were now armed with air-to-air missiles for defense. Air force spokesman Col. Igor Klimov said the missiles have a range of about 60 kilometers (35 miles), Russian news agencies reported.

Russia began airstrikes in Syria on Sept. 30 that it says are focused on IS fighters. But some observers say Russia is targeting other rebel groups to bolster the forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Russia insists that the plane that was shot down didn't intrude on Turkish airspace. □

## US-backed rebels, rival insurgents clash in Syria, 20 killed

**BASSEM MROUE**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Fighting between U.S.-backed Syrian rebels and rival militants has killed more than 20 people in northern Syria over the past two days, opposition activists said on Monday.

The fighting between the so-called Democratic Forces of Syria, which is led by Kurds, and Islamic militants has flared in recent days in the northern province of Aleppo. Most of the fighting has taken place in the border area, where Turkey is examining the possibility of creating a safe zone to protect civilians and mod-

erate rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the fighting is concentrated near the town of Azaz, close to the border with Turkey. Azaz has been repeatedly hit by Russian airstrikes in recent days. The Observatory, which tracks Syria's civil war based on reports from activists inside the country, said 15 militants and eight DFS fighters have been killed since Sunday.

Bahaa al-Halaby, an opposition activist based in Aleppo, said on Monday that 20 civilians were killed in the fighting but

did not have figures for fighters killed. He said the fighting began when DFS launched an offensive and captured several villages before being pushed back by militants. "I think the aim of this attack is to thwart attempts to set up a safe zone," al-Halaby said via Skype. The DFS is led by the Kurdish People's Protection Units, which has been battling the Islamic State group across northern and eastern Syria with the aid of U.S.-led airstrikes. Turkey views the Kurdish forces, known by the acronym YPG, as an extension of the Kurdish PKK, which has waged a decades-long in-

surgency against Ankara. The YPG sees the plans for a safe zone as an effort by Turkey to use allied Syrian rebel factions to block its advance along the border.

After Turkey shot down a Russian warplane over northern Syria last Tuesday, Russia has hit the highway linking the town of Azaz with the Bab al-Salameh border crossing with Turkey twice, killing seven and wounding ten people.

Russia began an air campaign in Syria on Sept. 30 that Moscow says is intended to weaken the Islamic State group and other "terrorists" in Syria, but Western

officials and Syrian rebels say most of the strikes have focused on central and northern Syria, where IS does not have a strong presence.

Russia has been one of the strongest supporters of President Bashar Assad since the start of the uprising in 2011.

The Observatory said on Monday that two months of Russian airstrikes have killed 1,502 people including 485 civilians. The group said that 419 IS fighters and 598 gunmen with other militant groups, including al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front, were killed in the air campaign. □



## Report: Turkey detains 1,300 migrants in broad sweep

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Authorities in northwestern Turkey on Monday rounded up some 1,300 asylum seekers and migrants allegedly preparing to make their way into Greece, Turkey's state-run news agency reported.

Some 750 migrants were detained in a pre-dawn sweep in the town of Ayvacik, in Canakkale province, which is a main crossing point to the Greek island of Lesbos, the Anadolu Agency reported. By the afternoon, authorities had detained 550 more people, some of whom were trying to hide in olive groves.

The migrants were put into buses and taken to a small, overcrowded detention center for foreigners awaiting deportation, the private Dogan news agency said.

The move came a day af-

ter Turkey and EU leaders sealed a joint summit with a commitment to re-energize Turkey's long-stalled membership bid and bolster their resolve to deal with the Syrian refugee crisis.

Human rights watchdog Amnesty International slammed the reports of detentions, calling them "alarming but not surprising." "Ever since September, we have seen the Turkish authorities detaining scores of refugees, often completely incommunicado, and forcibly returning them to neighboring Syria and Iraq. This is as illegal as it is unconscionable," said Andrew Gardner, Amnesty's Turkey researcher.

In the wake of this week-end's EU-Turkey migration talks, it's a stain on the EU's conscience too."

It was not clear if Monday's sweep was directly related



**Afghan refugees take a group picture after their arrival on a dinghy, with other refugees and migrants, from Turkish coast to the northeastern Greek island of Lesbos, on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. Authorities in northwestern Turkey on Monday rounded up some 1,300 asylum seekers and migrants allegedly preparing to make their way into Greece, Turkey's state-run news agency reported. (AP Photo/Santi Palacios)**

to the Turkish commitment to help contain the flow of migrants and officials could not immediately be reached for comment. Anadolu said the migrants

were from Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria.

Four suspected smugglers were also detained in the sweep while four migrant boats and six boat motors

were seized.

During the sweep, authorities also discovered a body which had washed up on the shore, suspected to be that of a migrant. □

## Suicide bombing against Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad kills nine

**QASSIM ZAHRA**  
**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A suicide bomber targeted Shiite Muslims taking part in an annual pilgrimage in Baghdad on Monday, killing nine people and wounding another 21, Iraqi security officials said.

The attack targeted a checkpoint along a route used by Shiite pilgrims in the northern Baghdad neighborhood of al-Shaab. Four soldiers who were guarding the route were among the dead.


It was the first attack on Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad during the lead-up to the religious commemoration known as Arbaeen, when Shiite faithful converge on the holy city of Karbala. The annual commemoration is often marked by violence despite tight security measures to protect the pilgrims, many of whom travel to Karbala on foot.

Arbaeen marks the passing of 40 days after the anniversary of the seventh century martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad

and a central figure in Shiite Islam. Iraqi officials say they expect the number of pilgrims this year to top last year's record of more than 17 million. Earlier Monday, two roadside bombs in commercial districts of Baghdad killed five people and wounded 16, according to the Iraqi security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release the information.

No one claimed Monday's attacks, but the Islamic State group has repeatedly targeted the country's Shiite majority, viewing them as apostates deserving of death. The extremist group swept across Iraq in 2014, capturing a third of the country and declaring it part of a self-styled Islamic caliphate.

On Monday, Iraq's military told civilians to leave the IS-held city of Ramadi, 115 kilometers (70 miles) west of Baghdad, indicating that an operation could soon be underway to retake the city. IS captured Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, in May. □




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## Cameron: Syria airstrikes debate set for Wednesday



British Prime Minister David Cameron addresses world leaders at the COP21, United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Le Bourget, outside Paris, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. Cameron called for a debate and vote in Parliament on Wednesday on whether Britain should launch airstrikes against militants in Syria. (AP Photo/Michel Euler)

**DANICA KIRKA  
GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Prime Minister David Cameron called for a debate and vote in Parliament on Wednesday on whether Britain should launch airstrikes against militants in Syria, arguing that the nation must stand with its allies in confronting extremism. Cameron's statement Monday comes only hours after opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn decided that Labour Party lawmakers would be allowed to vote their conscience on the matter — rather than to keep party discipline and have a unified stance. The move by the Labour leader gave Cameron confidence he had the votes to clinch an expansion of the mandate of British forces to hit Islamic

State group militants — also known as ISIL — not just in Iraq, but Syria as well. "I can announce that I will be recommending to Cabinet tomorrow that we hold a debate and a vote in the House of Commons to extend the airstrikes that we have carried out against ISIL in Iraq to Syria, that we answer the call from our allies and work with them because ISIL is a threat to our country and this is the right thing to do," he said. Cameron has repeatedly said he wouldn't take the matter to Parliament unless he could be certain of victory, worried that Britain's prestige would be at risk. If the measure is approved in Parliament, British military operations are expected to start shortly afterward. Britain's Royal Air Force is already part of a U.S.-led campaign against the

militants in Iraq, and the question before lawmakers would be whether the mandate for the strikes should be expanded to Syria. Cameron has said, "we have to hit these terrorists in their heartlands," and argued that it made no sense to stop at borders that were ignored by the militants. The government has been trying to build support among lawmakers for military action before calling the vote in Parliament. "It is in the national interest, it is the right thing to do, we will be acting with our allies, we will be careful and responsible as we do so, but in my view it's the right thing to do this to keep our country safe," he said after returning to his Downing Street office after attending the opening of climate talks in Paris. □

## China's Xi to head to Africa

**FARAI MUTSAKA  
Associated Press**

**HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)** — Some immigration signs at Zimbabwe's main international airport are in Chinese, a sign of China's deep economic inroads in Africa, which Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit this week. Xi arrives Tuesday in Zimbabwe before heading on Wednesday to South Africa. There, he will attend a forum on cooperation between Africa and China, whose investment on the continent has soared in the past decade. Zimbabwe, whose economy is faltering, would like to get a bigger piece of it. China's overall trade with Africa topped \$200 billion last year but has slowed over the past two years as the weakening Chinese economy demands fewer of the continent's oil, copper and other raw materials. Chinese-built roads, bridges and power installations are found across Africa, often paid for in resources or through loans from China that must eventually be repaid. Along with those looming debts, some African nations have expressed anger over Chinese companies' use of Chinese workers and other practices that fail to benefit local economies. Inexpensive Chinese goods have long been popular in Africa, and in the last decade Chinese merchants have started eliminating the middle man and setting up retail outlets of their own, much to local merchants' chagrin. In 2011, riots in the Ugandan capital of Kampala largely targeted the city's foreign merchants. There are about a million Chinese living in Africa, mostly engaged in commercial work, according to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Africa. Xi's visit to Zimbabwe is his first and he'll meet President Robert Mugabe, who has been quoted by Zimbabwean state media as saying they will discuss "some of the projects and programs we want China to assist us in undertaking." Despite the collaboration, Mugabe has expressed concern in the past, telling the Chinese in 2012 to respect Zimbabwe's investment and labor laws. "To our Chinese friends we say, 'You don't just come, you have to respect our rules,'" the Zimbabwean leader said at a gathering of the ruling party. China pumped \$600 million into Zimbabwe in 2013, making it the biggest foreign investor with interests ranging from gold, diamond and platinum mining to tobacco, nickel, chrome, construction, energy and telecommunications, said Chinese ambassador Huang Ping. Zimbabwe's economy is battered by mass company closures, high unemployment, low liquidity and foreign direct investment and food shortages. The government has been struggling to raise money to pay its workers, often shifting pay dates. Over two-thirds of Zimbabweans survive on informal trade, according to the African Development Bank. □

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## With peace near, debate grows over Colombia's draft



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, center left, leans in to listen to Colombia's Armed Forces Commander Gen. Juan Pablo Rodriguez, during a military ceremony in Bogota, Colombia. While all Colombian men must register for the draft at age 18, it's mostly poorer men who are compelled to serve in this nation of 46 million people.

(AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

JACOBO GARCIA  
Associated Press

SACHICA, Colombia (AP)

— The army truck pulled up at 4 p.m. on a Sunday as Omar Rodriguez, in a baseball cap and torn jeans, walked to a bus stop in his rural village of tile-roofed white homes.

Soldiers demanded Rodriguez show his government military ID card. Because he never finished the military inscription process required of Colombia's young men, he had nothing to show. He was hauled away to serve 1½ years on the front lines of a conflict in which leftist rebels have sought to force a more equitable distribution of wealth, particularly in Colombia's rural areas.

He did only eight months. On Oct. 25, shrapnel ripped into Rodriguez's 18-year-old body as he and 11 other soldiers were killed in a rebel ambush. His relatives are angry and bitter. Rodriguez died in a uniform he never wanted to wear.

The rural poor "are the ones who suffer the consequences of a war those in the city don't care about," his brother Ricardo said. Rodriguez's mother, Alicia

Pardo, drew journalists' attention at her son's funeral, which was held with full military honors and President Juan Manuel Santos in attendance. Such stories are familiar to Colombia's poor, whose young men have been forced to fight for a government they barely perceive in their daily lives.

While all Colombian men must register for the draft at age 18, it's mostly poorer men who are compelled to serve in this nation of 46 million people. They can't afford the escape route: Enrolling in college and paying a special sliding-scale tax of between \$300 and \$1,200. As a result, 90 percent of drafted youths come from the lower classes, the Colombian Collective of Conscientious Objectors says.

Now, as the government marches toward a historic peace agreement with Colombia's main leftist insurgency, there is mounting national debate about whether the country still needs a big army — and conscription.

Many believe it fuels the inequality that is at the heart of a conflict that has lasted

a half century.

The military dragnets that harvest new soldiers, of the type that snagged Rodriguez, have been declared illegal several times by Colombia's justice system, most recently last month when the Supreme Court likened the practice to kidnapping.

But the roundups will likely continue as the armed forces struggle to fill the ranks of a military that now numbers 250,000, of which just 100,000 are professional soldiers. More than 25,000 soldiers have been killed in the Andean nation during the war, the army says.

The practice is apt to persist even if Santos meets a March deadline to sign a peace deal with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of

Colombia, or FARC, which has about 7,000 combatants. Gen. Jorge Eliecer Suarez, chief of recruitment for the army, said he agrees Colombia needs to have a military composed of people from all classes, not just the poor, but he added that soldiers will still be needed after the conflict ends. Among six Latin American countries, including Brazil and Cuba, with a military draft, Colombia is the only one at war. Mexico doesn't have a draft, but every college graduate must work a year providing a social service. One proposal in Colombia is that conscripts be permitted to avoid the conflict with alternative public work.

In Sachica, a sleepy town in central Colombia where

there hasn't been a murder in almost a decade, local youths say army trucks looking for new soldiers circle the town's plaza every few weeks. This is where Rodriguez was taken.

"When they appear in town we all run away or hide so they don't trap us," said 18-year-old William Jerez, hanging out by a colonial church with three friends.

In his re-election campaign last year, Santos vowed that if a peace deal was struck he would eliminate the draft, saying it was unfair to the poor.

He recently proposed legislation to eliminate the "military booklet" that young men must show employers to prove they have either served or paid the special tax. □

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## Peru:

# US activist heading home after serving sentence

**FRANK BAJAK**  
**Associated Press**

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — American activist Lori Berenson is finally heading home to New York, two decades after being found guilty of aiding leftist rebels in Peru. The 46-year-old has been living quietly in Lima with her 6-year-old son since her 2010 parole because she was barred from leaving the country until her 20-year sentence lapsed. Berenson told The Associated Press that occurred on Sunday.

Fearing being mobbed by reporters on departure, she would not disclose details of her travel plans. She said she obtained a bachelor's degree in sociology online last year and plans to live in New York City with her parents until she gets established.

A daughter of college professors, she dropped out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and headed to Latin America to support leftist movements. She worked for El Salvador rebels before traveling to Peru in late 1994.

She was convicted of "collaborating with terrorism" for assisting the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement as it prepared in 1995 to seize congress



**In this Friday, Nov 27, 2015 photo, U.S. activist Lori Berenson looks out from her residence in Lima, Peru. Berenson is heading home to New York, two decades after being found guilty of aiding leftist rebels.**  
(AP Photo/Martin Mejia)

and take lawmakers hostage.

Berenson denies knowledge of the plot, but she rented and lived in the safe house where it was being planned and was arrested with the wife of a rebel leader after visiting congress with a journalist's visa.

She was initially convicted of treason in 1996 by a court of hooded military judges and sent for nearly three years to a frigid prison at 12,700 feet (3,870

meters) altitude, where her health suffered.

After U.S. pressure and a legal defense aided by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Berenson was retried in a civilian court in 2001.

Berenson apologized publicly in 2010 as a condition for obtaining parole but was re-incarcerated for three months that year on a technicality.

She and her son Salvador, who was born behind bars, vacationed with family in

New York in December 2011, but Peru's Congress subsequently passed a law barring foreigners convicted of terrorism-related crimes from travel.

Berenson is amicably divorced from the boy's father, a former Tupac Amaru militant she met in prison in 1997.

Alberto Fujimori, who was president when Berenson was arrested, is now imprisoned in Peru on human rights and corruption convictions. □

## Brazil's House Speaker denies bribery report

**JENNY BARCHFIELD**  
**Associated Press**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — The embattled speaker of Brazil's House of Representatives has vehemently denied reports that a document seized in a corruption probe suggests he received nearly \$12 million to support legislation favoring a top investment bank.

In a late-night barrage of about 20 tweets on Sunday, Eduardo Cunha dismissed the reports as a "true absurdity," saying they appeared to be part of a plot against him.

The denials followed the publication Sunday of a story on the website of Rio de Janeiro's O Globo newspaper saying investigators seized the document implicating Cunha in the home of an aide to Sen. Delcidio do Amaral, the governing Workers' Party's leader in the Senate.

Amaral, his aide, Diogo Ferreira, billionaire banker Andre Esteves and an attorney were detained last week in connection with the mushrooming probe into corruption at Brazil's state-run oil giant Petrobras.

The report in O Globo said the document seized in Ferreira's residence stipulated that in exchange for passage of legislation favoring Esteves' BTG Pactual bank, the institution "paid Representative Eduardo Cunha the sum of \$11.7 million." The note supposedly added that other lawmakers from Cunha's opposition party also received part of the bribe and that Cunha, Esteves and the others had a celebratory dinner together after the passage of the legislation, in March 2013. □

# 17 dead in fight at overcrowded Guatemala prison

**SONIA PEREZ D.**  
**Associated Press**

**ESCUINTLA, Guatemala (AP)** — Seventeen prisoners were killed in a gang brawl inside an overcrowded Guatemalan prison, including seven who were decapitated, officials said Monday.

Victor Mijangos, assistant prosecutor for the Escuintla district, said the fight broke

out Sunday afternoon in the Canada Rehabilitation Farm about 45 miles (70 kilometers) south of the capital.

"All were killed by machete and knife wounds," said Mijangos, who entered the prison. Officials found 16 bodies together inside and one more prisoner died of his wounds at a hospital.

He said officials found the

heads of three men, apparently the leaders of a group, on top of a table. No one was killed or wounded by gunfire, he said. Another government official said earlier that the fight started with gunfire.

Prison system spokesman Rudy Esquivel said the prison was designed to hold 600 inmates, but houses 3,092. He said firefighters

had removed 16 bodies from the prison and they were still being identified.

Elsa Rodriguez said she identified her son Estuardo Gregorio Rodriguez, 23, from a photograph a funeral home employee showed her. She was among about 100 people waited outside a morgue for the victims' bodies to be released to their families. □





## Aruban Born “Nando” Romero Honored as Colombia’s Best Radio Journalist and Announcer for the Year 2015!

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- During a ceremony held last week in the Luis Carlos Galan Hall of the Congressional Capitol in Bogotá, Aruban born Hernando “Nando” Romero received the coveted “Gacetas de Colombia” award from the hands of Senator Juan Manuel Galan, son of the late Luis Carlos Galan, a prominent political leader who was assassinated in 1989. Interestingly, Mr. Romero received his first journalistic award 26 years ago from the senior Galan. The award is a creation of Las Gacetas, an independent organization of Colombian journalists; the selection is made in different categories by thousands of fellow journalists in all of Colombia.

Nando Romero, an older brother of Benjamin Romero who is a journalist with Bon Dia Aruba, is the son of Mr. José Antonio “Toto” Romero and Mrs. Nora Romero Bariza who had immigrated to Aruba. Nando was just four years old when his mother passed away two days after giving birth to her fourth son. Caring for baby and his three brothers became too much of a burden for “Toto” alone and after two years the family decided it would be best if the children, all born in Aruba, were reared by their aunts and uncles in Riohacha, Colombia.

Nando attended high school in Riohacha and subsequently studied journalism at the Universidad de la Sabana in Bogotá. At both schools he participated in radio broadcasting activities. After graduating, Nando entered the real world of radio broadcasting at a small station in



Bogotá. Beginning in 1986 Nando with three young colleagues created “El Zoológico de la mañana” (The morning zoo), a program aimed at the youth. It became the most listened to radio program in Bogotá and Nando became a celebrity known as “‘Capi’ (Captain) of the zoo”. Nando also became famous for bringing Casey Kasem’s “The American Top40” program to the Colombian radio listeners, in Spanish. Nando has a voice seemingly designed for radio, imposing baritone reminiscent of Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite. For his voice, Nando is often contracted to make commercials and to narrate

documentaries.

Despite his fame in Colombia, Nando has always had Aruba on his mind. At every opportunity Nando uses his radio program as a platform to promote his island and he himself travels to Aruba with his wife and two children almost every year. The first time I visited Nando in Bogotá I noticed that in the small studio at his home where he tapes commercials and programs for future use, he uses a picture of the Aruba Natural Bridge as “wallpaper” on his computer desktop. “Reminds me of my beautiful island whenever I am working at home” Nando replied. clydeharms@yahoo.com





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ages on CharityBuzz.com, an online charity auction platform with a global reach of 125,000+ registered bidders in 109 countries.

The just-completed auction raised more than \$51,000 which was deposited into a designated DHTA account. The funds will be

distributed in Dominica under guidelines created by a joint CHTA/DHTA committee.

"It was both humbling and heart-warming to see how quickly and enthusiastically Caribbean hoteliers responded to this assistance campaign further reiterating we are, in-fact, One

Caribbean, and can rely on each other in times of need," said Troubetzkoy. The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) is a federation of 32 National Hotel Associations, with more than 600 member hotels and over 300 allied members. CHTA is the largest representative of the private sector in the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry. We are the voice of the Caribbean hospitality industry for the development of the region in the highly competitive and sophisticated environment of international tourism. Today, tourism is widely recognized as a pivotal industry in the economy

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## ECLAC Warns About Femicides in Latin America and Caribbean

**ORANJESTAD** - At least 1,678 women were killed for gender reasons in 2014 in 14 Latin American and three Caribbean countries, according to official data compiled by ECLAC's Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"We cannot allow Latin American and Caribbean women to keep dying due to the mere fact that they are women," the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Alicia Bárcena, said on last week before the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Bárcena called on the region's countries to improve their administrative records to find out the real number of femicides and to foster adequately funded programs for prevention and victim reparation. Femicide or feminicide is the most dramatic expression of violence against women, which must be faced comprehensively by States, taking into account the factors of economic, social and cultural inequality that play out in society and in the

power relations between men and women, ECLAC states.

Currently 20 Latin American and Caribbean countries have laws on violence against women, although only eight of them allocate specific resources in their national budgets, which is to say, 40%.

In addition, 14 of the region's countries have penalized the crime of femicide (Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru), while Argentina and Venezuela have introduced the concept of aggravated murder for gender reasons into their legislation. ECLAC also draws attention to the abuse perpetrated in the streets and in city transportation systems, which constitutes "one of the most minimized and naturalized forms of violence against women." Peru was the first country to promulgate, in March 2015, a law to prevent and sanction sexual harassment in public spaces, while Argentina, Chile and Paraguay are in the process of implementing legislation on street harassment. □

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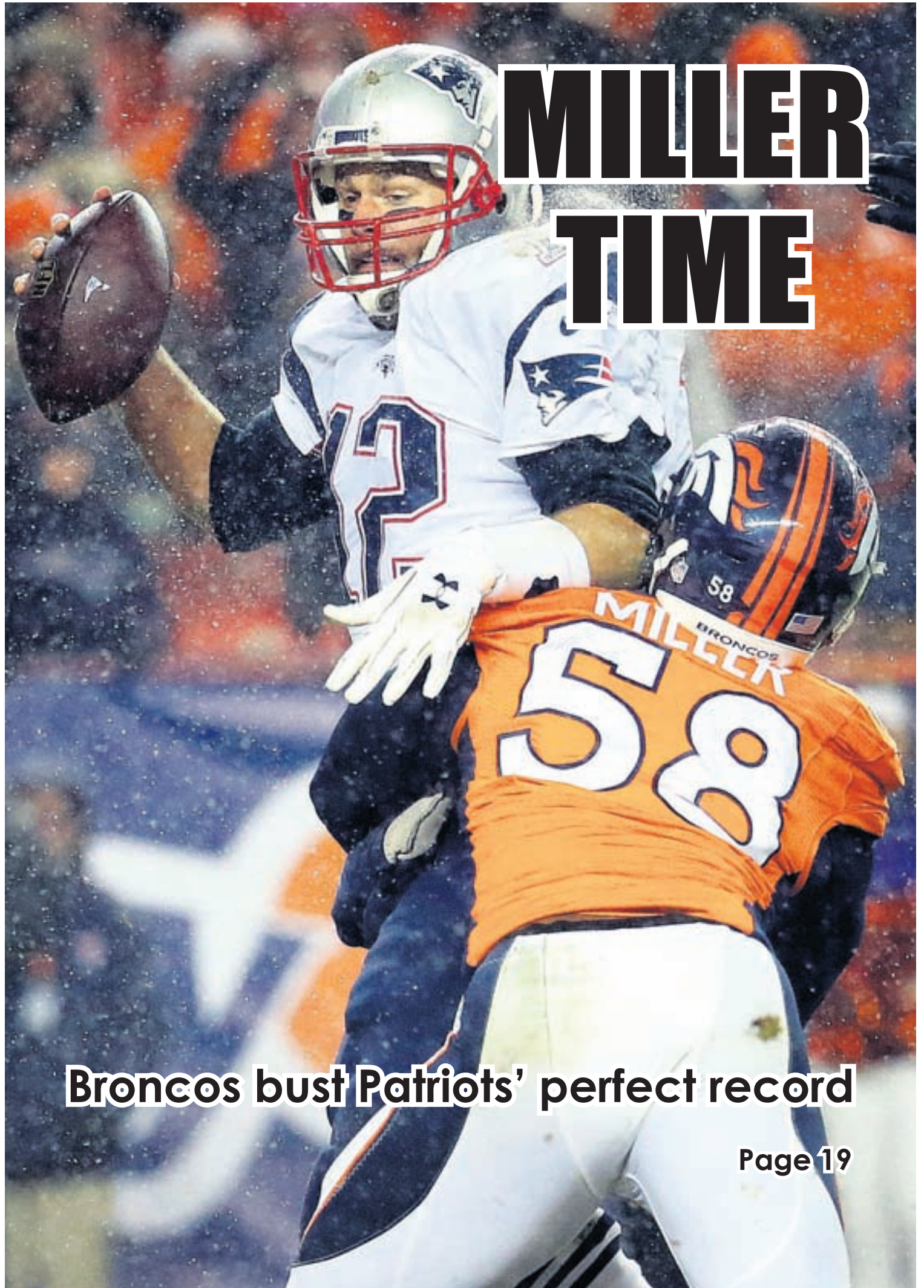
Newly crowned heavyweight world boxing champion Tyson Fury waits to answer questions as he hosts a media day in Bolton, England, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.  
Associated Press

## One-of-a-kind Fury won't change after heavyweight title win

**STEVE DOUGLAS**  
AP Sports Writer

**BOLTON, England (AP) —** Being heavyweight champion of the world hasn't changed Tyson Fury much, at least judging by the maverick boxer's journey back to Britain after beating Wladimir Klitschko. No private jets for British sport's new big thing. His near-12-hour journey from Germany involved being driven by his pregnant wife to the Netherlands, followed by a ferry over to England. No champagne breakfasts, either. He had a bowl of porridge and some fruit on Monday morning before driving in his sandals to a packed-out "Welcome Home" news conference near his home northern town. "It's not going to change me. There'll be no change in the champ," Fury, who is of Gypsy heritage and says he's the most charismatic boxer since Muhammad Ali, told The Associated Press in a suite at the stadium of Bolton soccer club as he tucked into some sandwiches.

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## Broncos bust Patriots' perfect record

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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) is sacked by Denver Broncos outside linebacker Von Miller (58) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, in Denver. The Broncos defeated the Patriots 30-24. Associated Press



# Campbell scores in OT, Panthers beat Red Wings 2-1

**DETROIT (AP)** -- The Florida Panthers made themselves right at home at Joe Louis Arena - again

Brian Campbell scored at 1:20 of overtime, lifting the Panthers to a 2-1 victory over the Red Wings on Sunday for their fifth straight win in Detroit.

Campbell helped set up Reilly Smith's tying goal at 14:38 of the third period as the Panthers earned at least a point in a seventh consecutive game at the Joe Louis Arena. They haven't lost in regulation at Detroit since Dec. 15, 2007.

"A gutsy effort," Smith said. "We had a goal taken away early, but it worked out for us later. It's great to get two points."

Roberto Luongo made 28 saves for Florida, and Petr Mrazek had 30 for Detroit.

"It's not good," Detroit star Henrik Zetterberg said.

"Overall, it was an ugly

game. I think the puck was on the boards the whole time. "It was tough to get any flow going."

Detroit's Dylan Larkin intercepted a pass and scored his team-leading 10th goal, unassisted, at 7:02 of the second period for the game's first goal.

The Panthers had a goal waved off just 28 seconds into the game.

The call, which withstood a challenge by Florida coach Gerard Gallant, was made when Jonathan Hubereau interfered with Mrazek before Smith's backhander crossed the line.

"When I looked at it, it was a 50-50 call," Gallant said.

"It was early in the game and I wanted to create some momentum."

Nothing got past Mrazek after that, however, until Smith's tip-in at 14:38 of the third period. Smith was upended in front of the



**Detroit Red Wings goalie Petr Mrazek (34), of the Czech Republic, looks back and Florida Panthers defenseman Brian Campbell, bottom, celebrates his goal in overtime of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, in Detroit.**  
Associated Press

Detroit net, but got up just in time to get his stick on Campbell's shot.

Many of the Panthers' 22 shots through two periods were good scoring chances - including two by Bran-

don Pirri.

"I don't think we were good enough tonight," Reds Wings coach Jeff Blashill said. "We can play much better than we played. It seemed like we

just didn't have enough energy. We didn't win enough puck races, didn't win enough puck battles. We still sat with a lead late, but we need to be better for 60 (minutes)." □

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## NFL Capsules

# Broncos beat Patriots on Anderson's OT run

**DENVER (AP)** — Tom Brady lost yet another one of his trusted targets and this time he also lost a game.

C.J. Anderson scored on a 48-yard run with 12:32 left in overtime, powering the Denver Broncos past the New England Patriots 30-24 on a snowy Sunday night. Watching from the cozy indoors at field level was Peyton Manning as Brock Osweiler and the Broncos (9-2) overcame an early 14-0 deficit and handed the Patriots (10-1) their first loss since 2014.

Now, the Carolina Panthers (11-0) are the NFL's only remaining unbeaten team. Osweiler threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Bubba Caldwell with 1:09 left in regulation to put the Broncos up 24-21. But Brady, playing without injured star tight end Rob Gronkowski, needed just five plays to drive the Patriots 51 yards and into range for Stephen Gostowski's 47-yard field goal that tied it at the end of regulation.

New England won the coin toss and elected to receive, but thanks to a sack by Von Miller, Denver forced a three-and-out and, on third-and-1 from the New England 48, Anderson raced around the left sideline and into the north end zone.

Gronkowski injured his right knee with 2:49 left in regulation and was carted off.

**SEAHAWKS 39, STEELERS 30**  
**SEATTLE (AP)** — Russell Wilson threw a career-high five touchdown passes, including two TDs to Doug Baldwin in the final 8:12 as Seattle held on for a wild victory over Pittsburgh and Ben Roethlisberger.

Wilson threw three touch-



Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson (22) breaks free for the game-winning touchdown against the New England Patriots during overtime of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, in Denver.

downs to Baldwin, including an 80-yard catch-and-run score with 2:01 left after Pittsburgh had trimmed Seattle's lead to 32-30.

Baldwin caught a crossing route on third-and-10 at the 20, broke two tackles and raced for the clinching score. Baldwin caught a 30-yard TD midway through the fourth quarter after Pittsburgh had taken a 27-26 lead.

Wilson also threw two touchdowns to Jermaine Kearse and Seattle (6-5) picked up a huge victory in its hopes of getting back to the postseason.

Roethlisberger threw for 456 yards — the most ever against the Seahawks — but was pulled with 2 minutes left and taken to the locker room for concussion protocol. The Steelers (6-5) had a two-game win streak end.

**CARDINALS 19, 49ERS 13**

**SANTA CLARA, California (AP)** — Carson Palmer ran for a go-ahead 8-yard touchdown with 2:28 left and tumbled after spiking the ball as Arizona squeaked by San Francisco.

It was the Cardinals' fifth straight win and first road victory in the series since September 2008.

Moments earlier, Palmer fell backward as he released the ball and completed a 34-yard pass to J.J. Nelson to put Arizona on the 1.

Chandler Catanzaro missed the extra-point try, and Blaine Gabbert and the 49ers (3-8) had one more chance with 2:21 left. Anquan Boldin caught an 18-yard pass on fourth-and-20 to clinch the win for Arizona.

David Johnson ran for a 1-yard touchdown in the third for the Cardinals (9-2), who have nine wins in their

first 11 games in consecutive seasons for the first time in franchise history.

**TEXANS 24, SAINTS 6**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Brian Hoyer threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns and the Texans held Drew Brees and New Orleans without a touchdown for the first time in 10 years in a win.

The Texans (6-5) have won four games in a row for the first time since winning six straight in 2012.

New Orleans (4-7) dropped its third straight on a day when the team didn't score a touchdown and Brees' streak of games with a touchdown pass was snapped at 45.

Hoyer went 7 for 7 on the opening drive, capped by a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Griffin, to make it 7-0 and give Houston a score on the opening possession for the first time this

season.

The last time the Saints didn't score a touchdown was Dec. 24, 2005 against Detroit and Brees' last game without a touchdown pass came on Nov. 29, 2012 against Atlanta.

**BENGALS 31, RAMS 7**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Andy Dalton threw three touchdown passes — two of them to A.J. Green — as the Bengals ended their brief losing streak.

After dropping a pair of prime-time games, the Bengals (9-2) were back in sync against a team that struggles to score. The Bengals' 31 points equaled the second-most against St. Louis this season.

The Rams (4-7) have dropped four in a row. Nick Foles returned as the starter and threw three interceptions, including one that Leon Hall returned 19 yards for a touchdown.

Dalton was 20 of 27 for 233 yards with touchdowns of 9 and 18 yards to Green. Tyler Eifert also had his NFL-leading 12th touchdown catch.

**VIKINGS 20, FALCONS 10**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Adrian Peterson ran for 158 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Matt Ryan threw two more interceptions for the Vikings.

Bouncing back from a 30-13 loss to Green Bay, Minnesota (8-3) jumped ahead on Peterson's 1-yard run in the opening quarter, and clinched it when he got loose on a 35-yard scamper down the sideline with 4:15 remaining in the game.

Atlanta (6-5) has lost five of its past six, including four straight, and is in danger of becoming one of the few teams in NFL history to start 5-0 and miss the playoffs. □



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## NBA Capsules

# Kobe scores 13 after announcement, but Pacers beat L.A.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Kobe Bryant scored 13 points on 4-of-20 shooting after declaring he will retire at the end of the season, before the Indiana Pacers hung on to send his Los Angeles Lakers to their sixth consecutive defeat, 107-103 Sunday.

Paul George scored the Pacers' final 11 points in the last 1:27, finishing with 39 as Indiana opened a four-game West Coast road trip with its fifth straight victory despite blowing all but one point of a 22-point lead. Bryant overcame another poor shooting night with two big late jumpers that reflected his vintage offensive skills. His quick-release 3-pointer from straight-away with 11 seconds left trimmed Indiana's lead to 104-103.

After the Lakers got the ball back with a three-point deficit, Bryant shot an air-ball on a 3-pointer.

### GRIZZLIES 92, 76ERS 84

**MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)** — Zach Randolph had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Memphis to help send Philadelphia to a record-tying 18th straight loss to start the season.

The Sixers have lost an NBA-record 28 consecutive games dating to last season and at 0-18 matched the New Jersey Nets' start in 2009-10.

Mike Conley led the Grizzlies with 20 points, while Matt Barnes and Jeff Green finished with 13 apiece as Memphis won for the seventh time in the last nine.

Isaiah Canaan led the Sixers with 16 points, while Robert Covington and Hollis Thompson scored 12 points apiece.

The Sixers led 76-71 with

7:38 remaining and Memphis fans were booing their team. But the Grizzlies went on a 15-1 run to retake control of the game, with Randolph scoring eight points in the rally.

### CLIPPERS 107, TIMBERWOLVES 99

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Blake Griffin scored 12 of his 26 points in the final 6:32 to lead Los Angeles past Minnesota.

Griffin also had eight rebounds and seven assists, Chris Paul added 20 points and nine assists, and J.J. Redick added 18 points for the Clippers.

Los Angeles beat Minnesota for the 13th consecutive time and seventh straight at Staples Center. The Clippers tied their longest winning streak against any opponent in franchise history. They had a 13-game streak against Utah that ended Wednesday night with a 102-91 loss.

Andrew Wiggins scored 21 points for Minnesota.

### SUNS 107, RAPTORS 102

**TORONTO (AP)** — Eric Bledsoe had 20 points and 11 assists, Mirza Teletovic also had 20 points as the Phoenix Suns beat the Toronto Raptors 107-102 to end a four-game losing streak. Teletovic was 6 of 7 from 3-point range, Brandon Knight and Jon Leuer each added 16 points for the Suns, and T.J. Warren had 15.

DeMar DeRozan matched a Toronto season high with 29 points. Coming off a victory Saturday night in Washington, the Raptors had won four straight.

### ROCKETS 116, KNICKS 111, OT

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Trevor

Ariza hit the tie-breaking 3-pointer with 1:14 left in overtime and Marcus Thornton made two free throws with less than a second left in Houston's victory over New York.

James Harden led Houston with 26 points. Thornton and Clint Capela each had 18, and Ariza finished with 16. Arron Afflalo had 31 points for the Knicks, who played without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony because of an illness. Kristaps Porzingis added 20 points and 13 rebounds.

### HORNETS 87, BUCKS 82

**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP)** — Kemba Walker scored 22 points as Charlotte overcame the loss of center Al Jefferson to hold off Milwaukee.

Jefferson went out with a left calf strain with 5:09 remaining in the first quarter. Nicolas Batum added 15 points for the Hornets. They have won five of six, all at home. Khrist Middleton scored 19 points for the Bucks. They have lost three straight.

### NETS 87, PISTONS 83

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Thaddeus Young had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Brook Lopez scored 15 points as Brooklyn beat Detroit to improve to 4-13.



Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant (24) looks around Indiana Pacers forward C.J. Miles, right, with forward Paul George looking on from behind during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015.

Associated Press

Andre Drummond had his NBA-leading 15th double-double for Detroit with 20 points and 18 rebounds. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 21 points and seven rebounds.

### MAGIC 110, CELTICS 91

**ORLANDO, Florida (AP)** — Victor Oladipo scored 19 points and Nik Vucevic added 18 points and 10 rebounds to help Orlando beat Boston for its third straight victory.

Tobias Harris had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic. Isaiah Thomas led Boston with 20 points and seven assists.

In other NBA games it was Charlotte 87, Milwaukee 82; L.A. Clippers 107, Minnesota 99; Memphis 92, Philadelphia 84; Phoenix 107, Toronto 102; Brooklyn 87, Detroit 83; Orlando 110, Boston 91; Houston 116, New York 111, OT; and Indiana 107, L.A. Lakers 103. □



## FURY - TITLE WIN

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"Anybody who can be changed by money, and by achievements, is not a realist," he said. "I don't feel different today than I was the day before, the day before."

Many say he needs to change. The 27-year-old Fury has blurted out, or tweeted, some controversial comments in recent times. He said before the Klitschko fight that doping should be legalized in all sports to make it "fully fair." He was fined 3,000 pounds (around \$4,500) in 2012 for a foul-mouthed rant that included branding two fellow English boxers "gay lovers." In a recent newspaper interview, the fiercely religious Fury was quoted as saying that among the "things that need to be accomplished (changed) before the devil comes home ... is homosexuality being legal in countries." All that was said when he was largely unknown outside boxing circles. Before he stunned not just boxing but

the sporting world by beating Klitschko. Does responsibility come with being in the lofty position of heavyweight champion of the world? Not according to Fury. "If people don't like it, change the channel," said Fury, still sporting a bruise above his right eye from Saturday's fight. "I won't be dictated to by anyone. Do I care? Not really."

Asked if he thought he was a role model to kids, Fury replied: "I'm not bothered, it's up to them."

Fury polarizes opinion out of the ring, but there's general agreement — especially after Saturday's fight — that the guy can box.

Klitschko hadn't been beaten in nearly 10 years before he was outsmarted by Fury and lost his WBA, IBF and WBO belts in a unanimous decision. The fight wasn't a classic, but Fury picked holes in Klitschko and made the long-reigning champion look his 39 years. Fury called it a "masterclass."

"Put your hands together for the eighth wonder of the world," barked Fury's father, John, to reporters and photographers at the news conference. "Get up. Get up and bow. Appreciate what you are see-

ing, because you haven't seen anything like this before."

Tyson Fury, sitting two places away from his father on the top table, laughed out loud.

"I'm not surprised, I'm not overwhelmed, I've always

credit my performance is pure jealousy."

The heavyweight division, stagnant for a decade because of the dominance of Klitschko and his older brother Vitali, is suddenly in flux. And the presence of the erratic Fury makes it

ahead. Klitschko has suggested he wants to trigger the clause.

Peter Fury said he wants Tyson to dispose of Klitschko again, maybe in front of 80,000 fans at Wembley Stadium — England's national soccer stadium — in



said it would happen," said Fury, who has won all of his 25 professional fights. "I've been preaching this for I don't know how long. For me to go there and bust him like I've done, it shows what type of talent I am. Anyone who wants to dis-

lively and unmissable.

There is a rematch in the fight contract between Fury and Klitschko, and Peter Fury — the new champion's trainer and uncle — says a decision will be made by the end of January on whether it goes

May, before turning his attention to a world title unification fight with Deontay Wilder, an American who holds the WBC belt.

"We're on top of the hill now," Peter Fury said. "And we'll get better and stronger all the time." □

## Columbus Crew, Portland Timbers advance to MLS final

**HARRISON, New Jersey (AP)** — The Columbus Crew earned only their second trip to final in the 20-year history of Major League Soccer and their first since 2008 on Sunday, losing 1-0 to the New York Red Bulls but advancing with a two-leg 2-1 aggregate victory. The Crew will face Portland at home in the Dec. 6 final after the Timbers advanced to their first final with a 2-2 draw against Dallas in the second leg of the Western Conference finals.

Anatole Abang scored 3 minutes into second-half injury time and Bradley Wright-Phillips hit the post with a header 1 1/2 minutes later for the Red Bulls, who fell one step short of the

MLS championship game for the second straight year. The Crew will look to win their second MLS championship. They beat New York in Carson, California, seven years ago.

Fanendo Adi and Lucas Melano scored to help Portland advance. Portland won the first leg 3-1 at home en route to a 5-3 aggregate victory in the two-game series. Dallas rallied for a 2-1 lead with goals by Ryan Hollingshead and Blas Perez in a 5-minute span, but couldn't overcome the three-goal aggregate deficit created by Adi's goal in the 54th minute. Mauro Diaz assisted on both FC Dallas goals. Melano scored Portland's tying goal in stoppage time. □



New York Red Bulls forward Bradley Wright-Phillips, second from left, heads the ball as Columbus Crew goalkeeper Steve Clark, second from right, Michael Parkhurst, left, and Gaston Sauro defend during the second half of the second leg of the MLS soccer Eastern Conference championship, Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, in Harrison, N.J.  
Associated Press



# Zimmermann finalizes \$110m, 5-year contract with Tigers

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Free agent pitcher Jordan Zimmermann has finalized a \$110 million, five-year contract with the Detroit Tigers.

Zimmermann gets \$18 million in each of the next two seasons, \$24 million in 2018 and \$25 million in each of the final two years. As part of the agreement announced Monday, he has a full-no trade provision through 2018, then can be dealt to 10 teams without his permission during 2019-20.

The 29-year-old right-hander went 13-10 with a 3.66 ERA last season for Washington, striking out 164 with 39 walks. The previous year, he went 14-5 with a 2.66 ERA.

Following four straight AL Central titles, the Tigers finished last this year.

Detroit will forfeit its second-round pick in June's amateur draft and Washington will gain a compensation selection, No. 38 overall.

Zimmermann was the first free agent to sign among the 17 with compensation attached.

Seeking their first World Series title since 1984, the Tigers slipped last season in



Detroit Tigers general manager Al Avila, left, hands a hat to pitcher Jordan Zimmermann during the news conference in Detroit, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

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large part because their rotation declined after Max Scherzer signed with Washington as a free agent. Now Zimmermann is heading in the other direction, joining a Detroit starting staff that includes Justin Verlander and Anibal Sanchez.

Detroit has been active

early this offseason under Al Avila, who was promoted to general manager when Dave Dombrowski was let go shortly after last season's trade deadline. Detroit has also traded for closer Francisco Rodriguez and outfielder Cameron Maybin, and the signing of

Zimmermann is a sign that the Tigers are still willing to make a big financial commitment to putting a winning team on the field.

Detroit traded high-priced stars David Price and Yoenis Cespedes in the middle of last season, acquiring several pitching prospects,

including left-hander Daniel Norris. The Tigers were encouraged with Verlander's pitching down the stretch, and Sanchez's ability to bounce back from a disappointing 2015 should be crucial.

Detroit still has Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez signed to expensive contracts. Cabrera was outstanding when healthy last season, and Verlander shook off injury problems of his own to post a 3.38 ERA.

Even with Zimmermann in the fold, the Tigers may have their work cut out for them in a division that includes World Series champion Kansas City, an improving Minnesota team and a Cleveland rotation that has plenty of potential.

Zimmermann leaves Washington after a disappointing season in which the Nationals finished seven games behind the NL East champion New York Mets. With Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg, Gio Gonzalez and youngster Joe Ross, starting pitching could still be a strength for the Nationals.

As part of the deal, Zimmermann would earn \$500,000 for winning the Cy Young Award, \$200,000 for finishing second and \$100,000 for third, and he has the same provisions for the MLV Award. He would get \$100,000 apiece for becoming an All-Star and winning a Gold Glove. He would earn \$200,000 if he is World Series MVP and \$150,000 if he is League Championship Series MVP. □





# Cyber Monday sales still on top, but losing some luster

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Shoppers traded bricks for clicks on Monday, flocking online to snap up "Cyber Monday" deals on everything from cashmere sweaters to Star Wars toys.

Now that shoppers are online all the time anyway, the 10-year-old shopping holiday has lost some of its luster as online sales on Thanksgiving and Black Friday pick up. But enough shoppers have been trained to look for "Cyber Monday" specific sales to ensure the holiday will still mean big bucks for retailers.

It's too early for sales figures, but Monday is still expected to be the biggest online shopping day ever, likely racing up more than \$3 billion in sales, according to comScore. Adobe, which tracks 200 million visitors to 4,500 retail websites, said \$490 million had been spent online as of 10 a.m. E.T. on Monday, the latest data available. That's 14 percent higher than a year ago.

"A lot of people wait to see if deals are better on Cyber Monday," said Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru.

New Yorker Anna Osgoodby was one of the many online shoppers who spread her purchases throughout the holiday shopping weekend. On Black Friday, she took advantage of a 35 percent sale at online accessories retailer ashandwillow.com, buying earrings, a necklace and bracelet. Then she bought earrings and clutches on Monday during its 40 percent off sale.

"That extra 5 percent convinced me to buy a few more," she said.

Some hot sellers were in scarce supply by early afternoon on Monday. At Target, a Swagway hoverboard was sold out by early afternoon. The electronic transportation gadget had been \$100 off at \$399. Drones and some Star Wars toys were hard to find as well.

"There are certain hot products, hover boards seem to be a phenomenon, they're



In this Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, file photo, a consumer looks at Cyber Monday sales on her computer at her home in Palo Alto, Calif.

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selling out everywhere," said Scot Wingo, chairman of ChannelAdvisor, which provides e-commerce services to retailers.

Adobe found 15 out of 100 product views returned an out-of-stock message as of 10 a.m., two-and-a-half times the normal rate.

And there were a few brief outages at sites like Nei-

man Marcus and Target and online payments company PayPal reported a brief interruption in service. Retailers have been touting online deals since the beginning of November. And they no longer wait for Monday to roll out Cyber Monday deals, either. Amazon started "Lightning Deals" on Saturday and Wal-Mart beginning all of its Cyber offers on 8 p.m. on Sunday.

"It's no longer about one day, but a season of digital deals," said Matthew Shay, president of retail trade group The National Retail Federation.

That seems to have taken a toll on brick-and-mortar shopping. Frenzied crowds seemed to be a thing of the past on Black Friday — the busy shopping day after Thanksgiving — and sales fell to \$10.4 billion this year, down from \$11.6 billion in 2014, according to preliminary figures from research firm ShopperTrak.

"Consumers are recognizing the Internet is the place to go for a deal any time, any day," said Gene Alvarez, managing vice president of research firm Gartner.

"I personally skip Black Friday just to shop Cyber Monday," said Mark Flores, a parks and recreation director from Lynwood,

California. But this year, he started online shopping on Black Friday, buying five pairs of Sorel and Uggs shoes for gifts and eight Chromecast that were two for \$50 instead of \$35 off. He planned to shop on Cyber Monday too, but did not find compelling deals. "Nothing standing out so far," he said midmorning on Monday.

Research firm comScore expects online sales to rise 14 percent to \$70.06 billion During the November and December shopping period, slowing slightly from last year's 15 percent rise. Online sales make up 10 percent of overall retail sales, but that increases to 15 percent during the holidays as online shoppers snap up Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals, according to research firm Forrester.

The name "Cyber Monday" was coined in 2005 by the National Retail Federation's online arm, called Shop.org, to encourage people to shop online. The name was also a nod to online shopping being done at work where faster connections made it easier to browse. Now, even with broadband access, Cyber Monday continues to be a day when retailers pull out big promotions. □

## Apple Music adds streaming for wireless Sonos speakers

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Apple is adding a missing element to its streaming music service by making it possible for home listeners to send tunes from Apple Music to WiFi-enabled speakers made by Sonos. The two companies say Apple Music subscribers who own Sonos sound systems will be able to play a "beta" version of Apple Music through the Sonos app starting Dec. 15. A final version will be released early next year.

People who own the popular Sonos systems can already stream music from competing free and paid services, including Pandora, Spotify and Google Play. Until recently, they could also stream from

Beats Music, which Apple acquired and is shutting down. But subscription-based Apple Music wasn't available for Sonos listeners when it first launched over the summer.

Home-streaming wasn't available sooner because the two companies needed time to make all of Apple Music's features compatible with the Sonos system and app, Apple Senior Vice President Eddy Cue said.

"We wanted to give customers a complete experience," he told The Associated Press.

Apple Inc. said last month that it had signed up 6.5 million paying subscribers for its new service, while 7-year-old Spotify claims 20 million subscribers. Earlier

this month, Apple expanded its service by offering a version for Android devices. Cue said Apple won't release an update on subscriber numbers until after the holidays.

Sonos CEO John MacFarlane acknowledged that some artists and recording companies are still debating the notion of streaming music, as opposed to selling digital copies. He cited pop singer Adele's decision to withhold her latest album from streaming services this month. But he predicted that Apple, through its size and clout in consumer markets, will win broader acceptance for the streaming model.

Apple can "bring organization and focus to the entire industry," MacFarlane said. □



## Signs of weak holiday spending send US indexes and retail stocks lower

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks closed modestly lower on Monday, as traders returned from the Thanksgiving holiday to focus on the early signs of how the holiday shopping season may turn out and where interest rates may go in the U.S. and Europe.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 78.57 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,719.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 9.70 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,080.41 and the Nasdaq composite lost 18.86 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,108.67.

Consumer discretionary stocks were among the biggest decliners, including the big department stores like Macy's, Kohl's, Wal-Mart and Target. Initial data from the first holiday shopping weekend showed shoppers were not going to stores as much as last year.

Preliminary data from ShopperTrak showed in-store sales on Thanksgiving and Black Friday were \$12.1 billion, down from \$12.3 billion the year earlier. This despite an economic climate that should be inherently good for Americans to shop in, including lower gas prices from a year ago and an improving job market.

"We believe Black Friday has

gone from a period of management excitement to one of anguish," Nomura retail analysts Simeon Siegel, Gene Vladimirov and Julie Kim wrote in a note to investors. Investment bank analysts observed the department stores having to do deep discounting to attract shoppers to their stores. But data from research firms like ChannelAdvisor showed strong growth in sales online, which could suggest consumers decided to spend online instead of in brick-and-mortar shops. Consumer discretionary stocks fell 1 percent, compared to the 0.5 percent drop in the S&P 500. Some of the more notable decliners were Macy's, which fell 91 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$39.08, Wal-Mart, which fell \$1.05, or 1.8 percent, to \$58.84 and Urban Outfitters, which fell \$1.25, or 5.3 percent, to \$22.40. Even online retail giant Amazon dropped \$8.46, or 1.3 percent, to \$664.80.

"While it's too early to make the call about how 2015 holiday revenues (and margins) will unfold, our survey results for the Black Friday weekend don't add a lot of confidence for the broad retail landscape," Dave Weiner and Sindhu Chitturi, retail analysts for Deutsche Bank, wrote in a note to investors.

More broadly, investors are

also focused on this week's European Central Bank meeting and the release of U.S. jobs data.

The European Central Bank is widely expected to give the region's economy another dose of stimulus as it tries to keep a recovery going and get inflation closer to 2 percent. The stimulus is likely to include increasing the amount banks have to pay to park money at the ECB, giving them an incentive to lend it out instead.

While the ECB moves toward increasing stimulus, the Federal Reserve is getting ready to start raising interest rates for the first time since June 2006. A series of U.S. economic reports this week, culminating with Friday's jobs survey for November, could cement investors' expectations for a rate hike at the Fed's next policy meeting in mid-December.

"Unless this report is a total disaster, I think it's very, very likely the Fed is going to raise in December," said Scott Wren, senior equity strategist at the Wells Fargo Investment Institute. The policy divergence between the two central banks has weighed on the euro and sent the dollar higher. On Monday the euro fell to \$1.0572, its lowest level since April. It traded at \$1.0591 late Friday. □



A shopper walks past a clothing shop display at a shopping street of Ginza area in Tokyo. Japan's jobless rate fell to a 20-year low in October, but consumer spending and incomes also edged lower as the tight labor market failed to spur significant increases in wages. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

## Japanese leaders in SOS to cash cow companies as recovery lags

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**TOKYO (AP)** — Japan's central bank governor and other officials are stepping up appeals to cash-rich corporations to do more to boost the country's faltering economic recovery.

The flurry of comments aimed squarely at business leaders coincide with a push by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to attack broader trends slowing Japan's growth: a shrinking and aging population and a corporate culture light on work-life balance and heavy on overwork.

Soon after taking office nearly three years ago, Abe launched a three-pronged recovery strategy focused on reviving the world's No. 3 economy through strong public spending, massive monetary easing and sweeping reforms of a post-war industrial structure that is not delivering the growth and productivity gains seen in the past. The so-called "Abenomics" policies have weakened the yen, helping to fatten corporate earnings and share prices and have made some headway in countering deflation.

With the economy in its second recession since Abe took office, the appeals to big business to share more of its wealth have gained urgency.

"This issue comes down to a chicken and egg situation," Kuroda told business leaders Monday in Nagoya, the

heart of Japan's thriving auto industry.

"Taking actions now is a prerequisite for firms to be among the winners in the future," said BOJ Gov. Haruhiko Kuroda, arguing that companies could afford to weather a slight downturn given their recent "extremely high" profits.

Katsunobu Kato, an Abe ally who recently was appointed to head his campaign to counter the falling birth rate, voiced a similar appeal.

"There is a limit to what government can do. We are expecting the private sector to help," said Kato, who is tasked with ensuring the country's population does not fall below 100 million, from the current 126 million. Kato also acknowledged that the ambitious reforms Abe has proposed will take "a fair amount of time."

In the meantime, he urged companies to raise wages faster, increase permanent hiring of temporary workers, and invest more at home rather than in foreign factories and acquisitions, to ensure a "positive economic cycle led by private-sector demand." China's slowdown has reverberated in Japan, contributing to a 0.8 percent contraction in GDP in the July-September quarter.

The government said last week it will draft a supplementary budget and provide cash handouts to pensioners to help spur consumer spending. □



Trader Richard Cohen, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks closed modestly lower on Monday, as traders returned from the Thanksgiving holiday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)



## Change in Thanksgiving weekend spending stumps retailers

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U.S. shoppers no longer blow the bulk of their holiday budgets on the day after Thanksgiving known as Black Friday.

It's a major shift that has made it difficult for stores to track and learn from shoppers' spending habits during the traditional start to the busy holiday shopping season.

Take Pia Tracy, who bought some items at Pier 1 home furnishings store over the weekend. But Tracy, who lives in Queens, N.Y., plans to spread out the majority of her \$4,000 holiday budget throughout the season. "Black Friday weekend doesn't matter to me anymore," Tracy said. "There's always some kind of deal in-store or online."

Like Tracy, many U.S. shoppers like to make purchases on their desktops and smartphones nowadays, they insist on getting big discounts whenever they shop, and they don't feel pressured to shop on particular days.

That shift has caused the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, to overhaul the way it tracks shopper spending and visits during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend — something it's been doing for more than a decade. The group said

the changes are aimed at getting a fuller picture of shoppers' habits, including their growing affinity for on-line buying.

The group, which has long been criticized for its estimates of total spending over the extended

The moves are significant because retail experts, investors and economists look to the group's Thanksgiving weekend numbers to provide an indication of the mood of consumers heading into the holiday shopping season, a period

comparable because of its change in methodology. It also estimated that spending per person was \$299.60. That's below the nearly \$381 figure last year, but the group also said this year's spending number is not comparable to those in

percent to \$630.5 billion. That's below last year's 4.1 percent growth.

Year-over-year growth is getting increasingly harder to come by, as the weekend crowds proved. Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping mall, said visits on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, were about even with last year.

"It's no longer the crazy rush when doors open," said Dan Jasper, a Mall of America spokesman. Business was brisk but not overwhelming at a Macy's in Kansas City, Missouri at 10 a.m. on Friday as a cold, steady drizzle fell. No lines had more than a few customers.

In Denver early on Black Friday, the crowds were similarly thin. In a strip mall that included Kmart, every store was open, but the only one with a shopper inside was Starbucks.

Kevin Sandoval had never gone shopping on Black Friday, but he was lured by a Sam's Club TV deal — \$100 off a 55-inch television.

Loading his car in the near-empty parking lot, Sandoval said he was in and out of the store in about 15 minutes. He expected a crowd, but found just a handful of other shoppers.

"There was no one here," he said. "This is a hidden gem now, coming out to shop on Black Friday." □



Ana Irias tries on a hat at a store in Dolphin Mall, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, in Miami. Store retailers saw fewer customer visits on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, compared with last year, according to Kevin Kearns, ShopperTrak's chief revenue officer.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

weekend because they're based on shopper surveys and not actual sales data, said it will no longer track total spending for the weekend. It also said it's asking shoppers different questions, which has led it to report numbers that vary significantly from those it's gotten in previous years.

of historically strong spending.

The retail group on Sunday said more than 151 million people shopped in stores or online over the weekend, according to a survey of 4,281 shoppers. That compares with 133.7 million last year, but the group said those figures are not

previous years.

The data, without year-over-year comparisons, paints an incomplete picture of the behavior and spending of U.S. shoppers over the weekend. But overall, the group sticks by its pre-Black Friday prediction that sales in November and December will rise 3.7

## Ford to book \$600M 4Q expense for new labor contract

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DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. will book a \$600 million charge in the fourth quarter for signing bonuses paid to union workers under a new four-year contract.

But the company said Monday that the deal with the United Auto Workers limits labor cost increases to 1.5 percent per year and is consistent with its full-year financial guidance. Ford is forecasting a pretax profit of between \$8.5 billion and \$9.5 billion this year.

The new contract gives raises to all of Ford's 53,000 U.S. hourly workers and elimi-



The Ford blue oval badge is in the grill of a 2015 Ford F-150 XLT on display in the showroom at Butler County Ford in Butler, Pa. Ford said Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, it will book a \$600 million fourth-quarter expense mainly for signing bonuses paid to union workers under a new four-year contract.

(AP Photo/Keth Srakotic)

nates a two-tier wage system at its plants over eight years. Ford also agreed to \$9 billion in U.S. factory investments and said the deal would add or secure 8,500 U.S. factory jobs. Most workers will get an \$8,500 signing bonus and \$1,500 in early profit sharing.

But the agreement will save the company money by allowing more flexible work schedules and lifting a cap on the number of employees making entry-level wages.

Ford also will be allowed to use "significantly more" temporary workers during summer vacations and busytimes like new

product introductions, according to Bill Dirksen, Ford's vice president of labor relations. Dirksen wouldn't say how many temporary workers Ford currently has. Ford CEO Mark Fields said the contract also gives the company flexibility to move production to lower-wage countries like Mexico.

"We're not restricted from sourcing products anywhere in the Ford world for sale in North America," Fields told analysts and media during a conference call. Ford's hourly workers approved the agreement by a 51-percent margin on Nov. 20 after months of bargaining. □



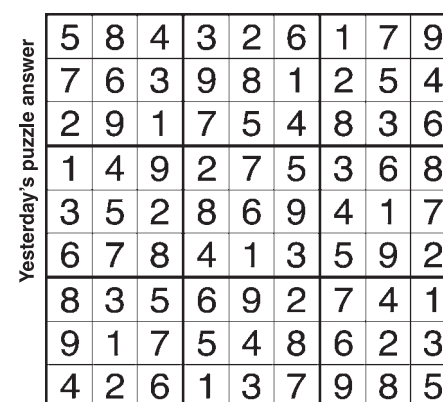
## Conceptis Sudoku



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.



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- 24 Acuff or Clark
- 25 Nourishes
- 26 French farewell
- 29 "I've got a \_\_\_ in Kalamazoo..."
- 30 Pliers
- 34 Hart's mate
- 35 Little child
- 36 Like lesser sins
- 37 Have lunch
- 38 Brought back to live
- 40 Student's avg.
- 41 Red blood cell deficiency
- 43 "\_\_\_ Along, Little Dogies"
- 44 GPS screen images
- 45 Challenged
- 46 Take to court
- 47 Actress \_\_\_ Michelle Gellar
- 48 Wild brawl
- 50 Big \_\_\_; rival of the Whopper
- 51 Napoleon's title
- 54 Soft drink
- 58 Actor Scott \_\_\_
- 59 Forest home
- 61 Ordered
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- 63 Take \_\_\_; undo
- 64 Hilarious person
- 65 "\_\_\_ bigger and better things!"
- 66 Fido's restraint
- 67 Goofs up

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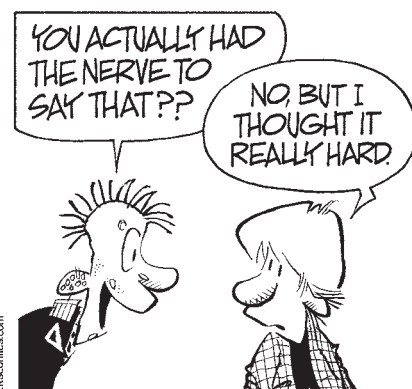


ZOE AND HAMMIE ARE AT SLEEPOVERS, AND I JUST PUT WREN TO BED.



...AND THEN I TURN AROUND AND GO, "FRY IT ANYWAY."

NO WAY!







Commuters, some wearing masks to protect themselves from pollutants, ride a bus with TV news of Chinese President Xi Jinping meeting French President Francois Hollande during the climate talk in Paris, as capital city is shrouded by heavily polluted haze in Beijing, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015. Beijing suffered its worst air pollution of the year on Monday, with monitoring sites throughout the city reporting extremely hazardous levels of pollutants.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

## Beijing air pollution reaches extremely hazardous levels

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**BEIJING (AP)** — Beijing suffered its worst air pollution of the year on Monday, with monitoring sites throughout the city reporting extremely hazardous levels of pollutants.

City authorities issued a rare orange alert, the second highest of four danger levels. Schools suspended outdoor activities and polluting factories were required to reduce production. Visibility was cut to several hundred meters (yards), as buildings receded into thick smog. People complained of a smoky, pungent odor, and many wore tight-fitting face masks. "I felt like my lungs were blocked," said Xu Pengfei, a security guard at an office building in downtown Beijing. "We have to stand in the open for many hours a day, and the pollution really affects us." The city said the levels of hazardous tiny PM2.5 particles in the air exceeded 600 micrograms per cubic meter at several monitoring sites late Monday afternoon. The U.S. Embassy in Beijing reported 666 micrograms per cubic meter at 8 p.m. Outside Beijing, the readings were as high as 976 micrograms in the suburban region of Liulihe. Several cities in the northern province of Hebei also

reported extremely polluted air.

The World Health Organization considers the safe level of PM2.5 particles to be 25 micrograms per cubic meter on a 24-hour average basis.

Liu Juntang, a businessman whose company develops environmental technology, said face masks could not give protection from the tiny pollutants on days of extremely heavy pollution. □

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## Using new gene drive to create malaria-resistant mosquitoes

**LAURAN NEERGAARD**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — California researchers hatched some malaria-resistant mosquitoes and then gave evolution a shove — using a groundbreaking technology to ensure the insects pass on that protective gene as they reproduce, with implications far beyond the promise of fighting malaria.

The experiment reported Monday involves what's called a "gene drive," a technique that, if it pans out, promises to alter the genetics of populations of insects and certain plants and animals faster than Mother Nature could.

Normally, genes have a 50-50 chance of being inherited. University of California researchers created a strain of mosquitoes that could pass a specially engineered malaria-blocking gene to about 99 percent of their offspring.

The mutant mosquitoes, kept in a secured lab, highlight the promise of this technology along with questions about when and how it might be safe to try it in the wild.

"This is a major advance because it shows that gene drive interventions will likely be effective in mosquito vectors of disease," said biologist Kevin Esvelt of Harvard's Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering, a gene drive researcher who wasn't involved with the newest study.

But because no one knows how such rapid genetic change might impact habitats, Esvelt has urged the public to weigh in. The California study published on-

line in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences adds some urgency. "This work suggests that we're a hop, skip and jump away from actual gene drive candidates for eventual release" in nature, he said.

Malaria kills more than half a million people a year, mostly children in Africa,

them unable to infect people.

James engineered immune system genes that could spur a mosquito's body to develop antibodies to attack the parasite, so that it couldn't transmit the infection. The new genes worked as intended when injected into the eggs of a particular malaria-spreading mos-

or reverse pesticide resistance in weeds, or suppress insect populations. The idea comes from a few examples in nature where certain genes spread disproportionately, and scientists have longed for a way to control that process. Recently they've had some success using a powerful new tool named CRISPR-

iting the malaria protection by targeting the change to a specific spot in the mosquito's reproductive DNA. To measure, they tacked on a fluorescence gene that made mosquitoes' eyes look red if they harbored the new gene.

The malaria protection spread remarkably well, proving the concept even though far more work is needed before this kind of mosquito could be tested in the wild, James said. Among the findings to be addressed was that the transgenic male mosquitoes passed their new trait to the next generation more efficiently than transgenic females did.

Gene drive experiments are controversial. One worry is the possibility of altered organisms escaping the laboratory before scientists know how to use them. The California team took safeguards including special lab security and using a mosquito species that can't survive in California's climate.

Additional questions involve what's appropriate to try — wiping out a species or just altering it, for example — and how to approach such research in low-income countries.

The prestigious National Academy of Sciences is studying ethical issues surrounding gene drive research, and the California team says countries that struggle with mosquito-borne diseases in particular should be involved. "Somebody sitting in the U.S. making up a list of rules has to appreciate that these countries have their own concerns," James said. □



**This photo provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows a feeding female *Anopheles stephensi* mosquito crouching forward and downward on her forelegs on a human skin surface, in the process of obtaining its blood meal through its sharp, needle-like labrum, which it had inserted into its human host.**

**Associated Press**

and sickens about 200 million more. Mosquitoes pick up the parasite by biting an infected person, and spread it when they bite someone else. Mosquito-killing insecticides and bed nets are the main protection.

At the University of California-Irvine, molecular biologist Anthony James is developing what he calls "sustainable technologies" — rather than killing mosquitoes, instead rendering

quito species, *Anopheles stephensi*.

Altered mosquitoes would have to gradually spread their new genes by mating with wild mosquito populations — and the next challenge is how to speed that process quickly enough to make a dent in malaria in any given region.

Enter gene drives, a technique that proponents say one day might be used to wipe out invasive species like kudzu or cane toads,

Cas9 that allows precise editing of DNA in living cells, sort of like cut-and-paste software.

Earlier this year, University of California, San Diego, biologists Ethan Bier and Valentino Gantz announced a CRISPR-fueled gene drive that worked in fruit flies.

For Monday's study, the San Diego researchers teamed with James — packing the malaria-resistance genes with the CRISPR-based gene drive, boosting chances of inher-



# Pink joins UNICEF in fight to end child malnutrition



In this Oct. 8, 2015, file photo, Pink arrives at the Autism Speaks to LA Celebrity Chef Gala in Santa Monica, Calif.

Associated Press

**KRISTIN M. HALL**  
Associated Press

Trailblazing pop star Pink saw firsthand severely malnourished children during a recent visit to Haiti as a part of a UNICEF program to provide therapeutic food packets to children in need.

The singer, whose given name is Alecia Moore, was named a UNICEF ambassador Monday to help promote a new effort to encourage physical activity in young children in the United States and at the same time raise money for nutritional, vitamin-rich peanut paste to be delivered to malnourished children all over the world.

"I got to watch mommas learning how to feed it to their kids," Moore said during a phone interview from California. "And within a week, you can see the difference in these children. It's amazing."

Moore is the national spokeswoman for the UNICEF Kid Power Band, which is a child-friendly fitness band that encourages exercise through an interactive app. Kids can earn points by doing things like taking 12,000 steps a day

or completing a goal. As the children earn points, UNICEF's partners, including Target, Disney and Star Wars: Force for Change, will provide the funds needed to send the food packets to places like Haiti.

Moore, who has a 4-year-old daughter with her husband, Carey Hart, said the trip to Haiti strengthened her passion for UNICEF's project. She visited Port-au-Prince this summer, where she saw children who came back from the brink of starvation because of these food packets.

"When you get to see it with your own eyes and you see that something works, then it's a lot easier to get behind and advocate for it and try to make other people aware of it," she said.

The Kid Power app also teaches children about the countries and cultures they are helping and they can unlock special videos and messages and track their progress online.

"They found a brilliant way, and a fun way, to get kids here involved and empowered and motivated," Moore said. "And they are also turning them into glob-

al citizens and they get to be hands-on."

The Grammy-winning singer is a natural role model for a program that encourages physical activity and exercise. Her concerts are full of high-energy choreography, including flying through the air on wires over the crowds or spinning from large silk ribbons like a Cirque du Soleil dancer.

In fact, her daughter, Willow, is already following in mom's footsteps. At home, her daughter plays with a smaller, kid-sized version of the silk fabric that she uses to spin around on during concerts.

"I put a silk in her room, so she is spinning nine times out of 10," Moore said. "It's kind of amazing."

The singer was to join her trainer Jeanette Jenkins at an elementary school in New York City on Monday to test out the bands with children in grades three through five. She said that she plans to get one for everyone in her family so they can start earning points and raising funds for UNICEF.

"Between Carey, myself and Willow, it's going to get a little competitive," she said laughing. □

## Singer Marc Anthony making pitch as sports agent

**MIAMI (AP)** - Another entertainer is joining Jay-Z in the sports agent business - singer Marc Anthony.

Anthony founded Magnus Media this year. The company said Monday it is forming a joint venture that will represent Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman.

Praver Shapiro Sports Management is part of the joint venture. It is headed by agents Barry Praver and Scott Shapiro. Chapman is the hardest throwing pitcher in the major leagues. He is eligible for free agency after the 2016 World Series.

Jay-Z, whose given name is Shawn Carter, is partners with CAA Sports in Roc Nation Sports. It signed Robinson Cano as its first baseball client in 2013. □

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## PSY set to release 1st album since hit 'Gangnam Style'

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — South Korean rapper PSY, who is set to release his first album since becoming an international sensation more than three years ago with the smash hit "Gangnam Style," says the pressure to live up to that success caused him to take his time with his latest project. "There were many thoughts going around in my head, including thoughts like, 'If I write like this, it would be not as good as Gangnam Style,' and 'If I write like this, the international audience will not understand,' so it took me a very long time to organize all those thoughts into one," PSY said at a news conference in Seoul on Monday, a day before "Chiljip PSY-Da" debuts. "Chiljip PSY-Da" — which means "This Is PSY's Seventh Album" in Korean — comes about a year and a half after the release of his single "Gentleman." It's his first album since 2012, when "Gangnam Style" swept the world with ad-



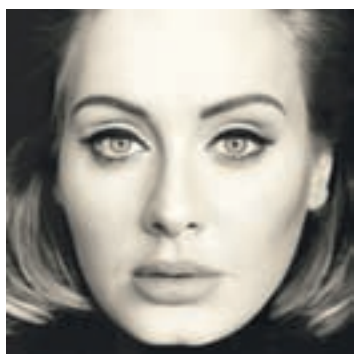
South Korean singer PSY poses for the media before a news conference on the release of his seventh album in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

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dictive music and dance moves and made PSY a global superstar. "Gangnam Style," featured on the album "PSY 6," recorded 2.46 billion views on YouTube, becoming the most viewed YouTube video ever. PSY's new album includes songs of various genres, including dance music, hip-hop and punk. □

## Adele's '25' sells record-breaking 3.38 million copies

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Adele's new album "25" has sold 3.38 million copies in its first week, smashing single week sales records, according to Nielsen Music. As reported by Billboard, "25" is the first album to sell more than 3 million copies in one week in Nielsen's history, which has been tracking first week purchases since 1991. The previous record was held by 'NSYNC whose 2000 album "No Strings Attached" sold 2.4 million copies in its first week. "25" has also become the best-selling album of the year, flying past the 1.8 million copies sold of Taylor



This CD cover image released by Columbia Records shows, "25," the latest release by Adele.

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Swift's "1989." Adele did not allow streaming services like Spotify to make "25" available. Her previous album, "21" has sold 11.24 million copies in the United States. □

## Bono, Clooney, Kardashian part of all-star campaign for AIDS



In this Friday, Aug. 28, 2015, file photo, Irish rock star Bono speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Lagos, Nigeria.

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In this Tuesday, May 19, 2015, file photo, U.S. actor George Clooney attends a news conference of the film "Tomorrow Land" at Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias in Valencia, Spain.

Associated Press

**MESFIN FEKADU**  
AP Music Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Would you like to spend quality time with George Clooney as he showers you with compliments? How about walk a red carpet with Meryl Streep or visit the set of "Game of Thrones"? They are all possible: Bono is launching an all-star campaign featuring "once-in-a-lifetime experiences" that can be won after donating at least \$10 to his organization (RED), which raises funds to fight AIDS. The campaign kicks off Tuesday to coincide with World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1. And Bono isn't just the face for the movement: The U2 frontman will go on a bike ride with one donor — a year after he was seriously injured in a bike accident in New York's Central Park that forced him into sur-

gery. "I'm not sure that was as funny to my band as it was to me," Bono said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But I think we're going to have fun and yeah, we'll go visit the scene of the crime." Jimmy Kimmel is dedicating his Tuesday late-night show to the campaign. He and Olivia Wilde will host (SHOPATHON), a tongue-in-check play off of home shopping, and the special episode will feature celebrity guests like Tom Brady, who is offering one donor a chance to learn how to pass a football, and Shaquille O'Neal, who will take a photo with a winner for his or her 2016 holiday card. And Kimmel is offering himself up, too: He is willing to give someone's kid "the talk." "There's no age limit — if you have a 45-year-old kid, I'll explain it to him, too, as long as the parents are OK

with it. I'm happy to do the job," said Kimmel, who appears in a promo video for the campaign with Scarlett Johansson and Barry Manilow.

Other "experiences" that can be earned after donating on Omaze.com/RED include a contour makeover with Kim Kardashian; a portrait painting by James Franco; or attending a University of Texas at Austin football game with alum Matthew McConaughey. Entries close on January 21, 2016.

"Even though red is the color of emergency, there's a sort of optimism about the whole campaign and a kind of defiant humor. We have always had that, but the (SHOPATHON) will really take it to another new level," Bono said.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match every dollar raised up to \$20 million. R&B singer The Weeknd is offering fans a chance to hang backstage at a concert; there is a one-day "wellness break" with Snoop Dogg in Colorado; and Ryan Seacrest will let someone announce the No. 1 song on his radio show. "When you see how much work Bono does personally to fight AIDS, it's almost embarrassing, it's the least we can do or anyone can do to help," Kimmel said. "Also, it's Christmas season, you have to figure out what to buy. It's almost like my Oprah's favorite things list," he added.

Bono won't appear on the special episode of "Jimmy Kimmel Live!," which airs on ABC and tapes in Hollywood. Instead, he will be in New York celebrating the 10-year anniversary of (RED) at Carnegie Hall with Vice President Joe Biden, the Edge, Stephen Colbert, Miley Cyrus, Trevor Noah and others.

"It's a big day, World AIDS Days. It's crucial this year. This is the most crucial year," Bono said. "We can feel people going, 'Oh yeah, that AIDS thing is done now,' and we're like, 'No! It's not!'" □



## 'Racing Extinction' sounds the alarm for vanishing species

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When Discovery Channel's "Racing Extinction" debuts worldwide, the documentary's creators will be looking for more than ratings and critical reaction. It's action they're after.

Oscar-winning director Louie Psihoyos ("The Cove") says the film is intended as a call to arms to prevent a grim future for Earth and its steadily vanishing species.

"The loss of biodiversity will be unimaginably horrific for future generations if we don't do something about it now," Psihoyos said. "My intention in making the film is not just to create the awareness, but to create a campaign, a movement" that inspires change.

The film's rollout matches Psihoyos' ambitions for it.

"Racing Extinction," airing 9 p.m. EST Wednesday in the United States and in local prime time in 200-plus countries and TV markets, required some 50 versions to accommodate varying languages and other needs, said Discovery documentaries chief John Hoffman.

"If we can't stand up and say that we are a network that must tell stories about how we are putting the health of the planet at great risk, who else should?" he said.

Hoffman, at Discovery for a year after a long tenure at HBO shepherding well-regarded documentaries, says more such en-



This 2015 photo provided by Discovery Channel shows a scene with methane exploding from "Racing Extinction." The film airs on Dec. 2, 2015, in more than 240 countries and territories in a single day.

vironmental programs are planned. He declined to put a price tag on "Racing Extinction," which Discovery bought after its Sundance film festival screening earlier this year.

Its telecast coincides with this week's United Nations conference in Paris on climate change. That's one of the threats to life on land and sea that the film, paced like a thriller, explores with help from experts and activists.

One dire warning comes from Stuart Pimm, a Duke University professor of conservation ecology, who says that species are becoming extinct at a rate a thousand times faster than would happen naturally, without human influence.

"It's like we're living in the age of the dinosaurs, but we can do something

about it," Psihoyos says.

His 2009 documentary, "The Cove," depicted how Japanese fishermen hunt dolphins for their meat, considered a delicacy. "Racing Extinction" paints with a much broader brush but retains a focus on the sea.

"The world can't live with an unhealthy ocean. Plankton generates over half the oxygen we breathe," but faces destruction from the increasing concentration of carbon in the planet's waters, Psihoyos said in an interview earlier this year.

Rising levels of dissolved carbon dioxide are jeopardizing the survival of sea organisms including corals and shellfish and as a result could "substantially alter" ocean biodiversity, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says in its description of climate change in-

dicators.

In the Discovery film, an underwater photographer compares a photo taken of a barrier reef in 1960 to one that was shot in 1989, showing the once-beautiful area now gone "to hell," as he puts it.

The outcome of other, more immediate human assaults on marine life are graphically illustrated, along with the efforts of those determined to document and expose them.

One sequence shows thousands of shark fins, especially valued for soup in Asia, spread across a rooftop at a Hong Kong warehouse. At another business, described by Psihoyos as the "Wal-Mart for the endangered species trade in Hong Kong," a worker contends that every shark part is harvested and that no shark, contrary to claims by

what he calls "greenies," is left to die in the ocean.

That contrasts with underwater footage of a maimed shark off the coast of Indonesia, its fins sliced off and struggling to swim. As disheartening as such images are, "Racing Extinction" manages to be exhilarating as well. One sequence offers breathtaking images of endangered animals projected onto landmark New York buildings made into theater screens for mass enlightenment.

A companion effort, #StartWith1Thing, is aimed at getting people to make a single change to help protect the world, said actor Fisher Stevens ("The Grand Budapest Hotel," "The Blacklist"), a producer on "The Cove" and "Racing Extinction."

"If you connect emotionally to the characters or species in the film, it's going to affect you and make you question certain things you do in your life ... even if it's just not eating a hamburger or volunteering for a day" with an environmental group, he said.

A crucial step, he suggests, is realizing what confronts the planet and its inhabitants, humans included.

"Part of the big problem, and it's the reason we make these movies, is that people don't really know (the situation) or think it doesn't affect them. But the truth is that everything is affecting them," Stevens said. □

## CMT awards show honoring ABC drama 'Nashville'

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CMT is honoring a television show from another network on its "Artists of the Year" special that's being telecast live on Wednesday.

The music-oriented ABC drama "Nashville" is being given CMT's first-ever "International Impact

Award." CMT said Monday that Kellie Pickler, who has her own show on CMT, will present the award to most of the "Nashville" cast. The CMT special is taking place in the city that gives the series its name.

CMT President Brian Philips said "Nashville" has be-

come an international ambassador for country music. Luke Bryan, Blake Shelton, Florida Georgia Line, Sam Hunt and Little Big Town are being named CMT's artists of the year. Kenny Rogers gets a lifetime achievement award and Chris Stapleton will get a special "breakout" award. □



In this image released by ABC, Hayden Panettiere portrays Juliette Barnes in a scene from the series "Nashville."

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# Arkansas a refuge from rising seas in Marshall Islands

**NICK PERRY**

**KELLY P. KISSEL**

**Associated Press**

**MAJURO ATOLL, Marshall Islands (AP)** — Valentino Keimbar hides from the intense heat in the shade of a breadfruit tree, waiting for his basketball game to begin. It was supposed to start a couple of hours ago,

medical treatment for his 6-year-old son. Now he's considering moving permanently to secure a solid future for his children.

"Probably in 10 to 20 years from now, we're all going to move," he said.

Climate change poses an existential threat to places like the Marshall Islands,

habited island has slipped beneath the water. At low tide, all that remains is an exposed pile of rocks that snags flotsam: a black sandal, some frayed green rope, a coconut sprouting a green shoot.

And in July, he recounted, lagoon waves whipped up by unusual winds swept a

but Springdale has the most on the U.S. mainland and has taken on a special significance. Their numbers there have expanded to 6,000, nearly one-tenth of those who remain back home. Some jokingly call it "Springdale Atoll," and there's even a Marshallese consulate, the only one on

push pins marking where Marshallese live, a bulletin board listing job opportunities, and posters depicting medicinal plants and tropical fish found in the Marshall Islands.

Her people now even have their own newspaper. The first edition, published this fall, was written entirely in Marshallese and featured half-page advertisements for Marshall Islands political candidates because Springdale residents can vote absentee. Poet Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner said the world needs to save her islands to save itself — that if the atolls are allowed to slip beneath the waves, the rest of the Pacific and the U.S. coastline would be next.

"What will happen to our culture? What will happen to our stories? What will happen to thousands of years of history?" she said. "What will happen to the next generation? They won't know where they're from. They'll be rootless. They'll just be wandering. And I don't want that to happen at all."

In August, the 600 residents on the small island of Kili effectively raised a white flag after the island was repeatedly buffeted by storms and flooding, sometimes cutting off residents completely from the more populous atolls.

The islanders are descendants of the Bikini atoll residents who were moved to make way for U.S. nuclear testing after World War II. They are now petitioning Washington to allow them to spend their resettlement trust fund money abroad, an option that would allow them to move to Arkansas or anywhere else they choose. The U.S. seems amenable, said Jack Niedenthal, the Bikini trust liaison, but has yet to take the required Congressional action. Niedenthal said that while he will fight to stay, he sees an eventual evacuation of the Marshall Islands as almost inevitable.

"In the end it's like 60,000 people against 8 billion," he said. "And I don't know how you get the rest of the world to change their habits." □



**This aerial photo shows a small section of the atoll that has slipped beneath the water line only showing a small pile of rocks at low tide on Majuro Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Climate change poses an existential threat to places like the Marshall Islands, which protrude only 6 feet (2 meters) above sea level in most places.**

**(AP Photo/Rob Griffith)**

maybe three, but time matters little here on the Marshall Islands.

Keimbar would love to stay on this tiny string of atolls in the vast Pacific Ocean, which he considers a precious gift from his ancestors. But he fears hotter weather and rising seas may soon force everyone to go, and that many will choose an unlikely place 6,000 miles (nearly 10,000 kilometers) away: Springdale, Arkansas.

For more than three decades, Marshallese have moved in the thousands to the landlocked Ozark Mountains for better education, jobs and health care, thanks to an agreement that lets them live and work in the U.S. This historical connection makes it an obvious destination for those facing a new threat: global warming.

Keimbar, 29, last year traveled to Springdale seeking

which protrude only 6 feet (2 meters) above sea level in most places. King tides, when the alignment of the Earth, moon and sun combine to produce the most extreme tidal effects, and storm surges are getting worse, resident say, causing floods that contaminate fresh water, kill crops, and erode land. As a result, some Marshallese think an exodus as inevitable, while others are planning to stay and fight.

Foreign Minister Tony de Brum is a vocal advocate for keeping global warming to a minimum, a position he'll be pushing when world leaders meet in Paris next week seeking a way to limit fossil fuel emissions. Growing up on the lagoon, de Brum said, he loved catching rabbitfish off Enebok Island, which was lush with coconut and breadfruit trees. But in recent years, the small, unin-

large yacht within a few feet of his bedroom window, and then beached it nearby.

De Brum said even a small rise in global temperatures would spell the demise of his country of 70,000. While many world leaders in Paris want to curb emissions enough to cap Earth's warming at 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius), de Brum is pushing for a target that's 25 percent lower. "The thought of evacuation is repulsive to us," he said. "We think that the more reasonable thing to do is to seek to end this madness, this climate madness, where people think that smaller, vulnerable countries are expendable and therefore they can continue to do business as usual."

The Marshallese who choose to leave have settled in Hawaii, Oklahoma and the Pacific Northwest,

the mainland U.S.

The pioneer was a man named John Moody, who moved in 1979 seeking an education and stayed for a job at Tyson Foods, one of the world's largest processors of chicken. Family and friends followed, and the population of Marshallese swelled after 1990.

"Arkansas is the land of opportunity," said Josen Kai-ous, from the Marshall Islands town of Laura, who's lived in Springdale before and plans to move back next year. "You can help your family, and do whatever you want."

Carmen Chong Gum, the Marshallese consul general in Springdale, said while people still move for better jobs and health care, some are now citing climate change as a factor.

Gum works in a two-story building just off downtown's main street. It's decorated with a U.S. map with